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14			Radosav PETROVIC		
15			Steven NZONZI		
16			Scott DANN		
17			Keith ANDREWS		
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20			Ruben ROCHINA		
22			Nick BLACKMAN		
23			Junior HOILETT		
24			YAKUBU		
25			David GOODWILLIE		
29			Simon VUKCEVIC		
30			Jason ROBERTS		
31			Grant HANLEY		
32			Bruno RIBEIRO		
33			Josh MORRIS		
35			Jason LOWE		
39			Adam HENLEY		
40			Robbie COTTON		

1			Adam BOGDAN		
2			Gretar STEINSSON		
3			Marcos ALONSO		
4			Paul ROBINSON		
5			Gary CAHILL		
6			Fabrice MUAMBA		
7			Chris EAGLES		
8			Stuart HOLDEN		
9			Tuncay SANLI		
10			Martin PETROV		
11			Ricardo GARDNER		
12			Zat KNIGHT		
14			Kevin DAVIES		
15			Tyrone MEARS		
16			Mark DAVIES		
17			Ivan KLASNIC		
18			Samuel RICKETTS		
19			Nigel REO-COKER		
20			Robbie BLAKE		
21			Darren PRATLEY		
22			Jussi JAASKELAINEN		
23			Sean DAVIS		
24			David NGOG		
25			Dedryck BOYATA		
27			Chung-Yong LEE		
28			Gael KAKUTA		
31			David WHEATER		
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1913-14

Runners up: 2000-01

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Champions: 1938-39

Runners up: 1957-58

Play-off winners: 1991-92

DIVISION THREE

Champions: 1974-75

Runners up: 1979-80

FA CUP

Winners: 1884, 1885, 1886, 1890,

1891, 1928

Runners up: 1882, 1960

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

Winners: 2002

FULL MEMBERS CUP

Winners: 1987

FA YOUTH CUP

Winners: 1959

Runners up: 1998, 2000

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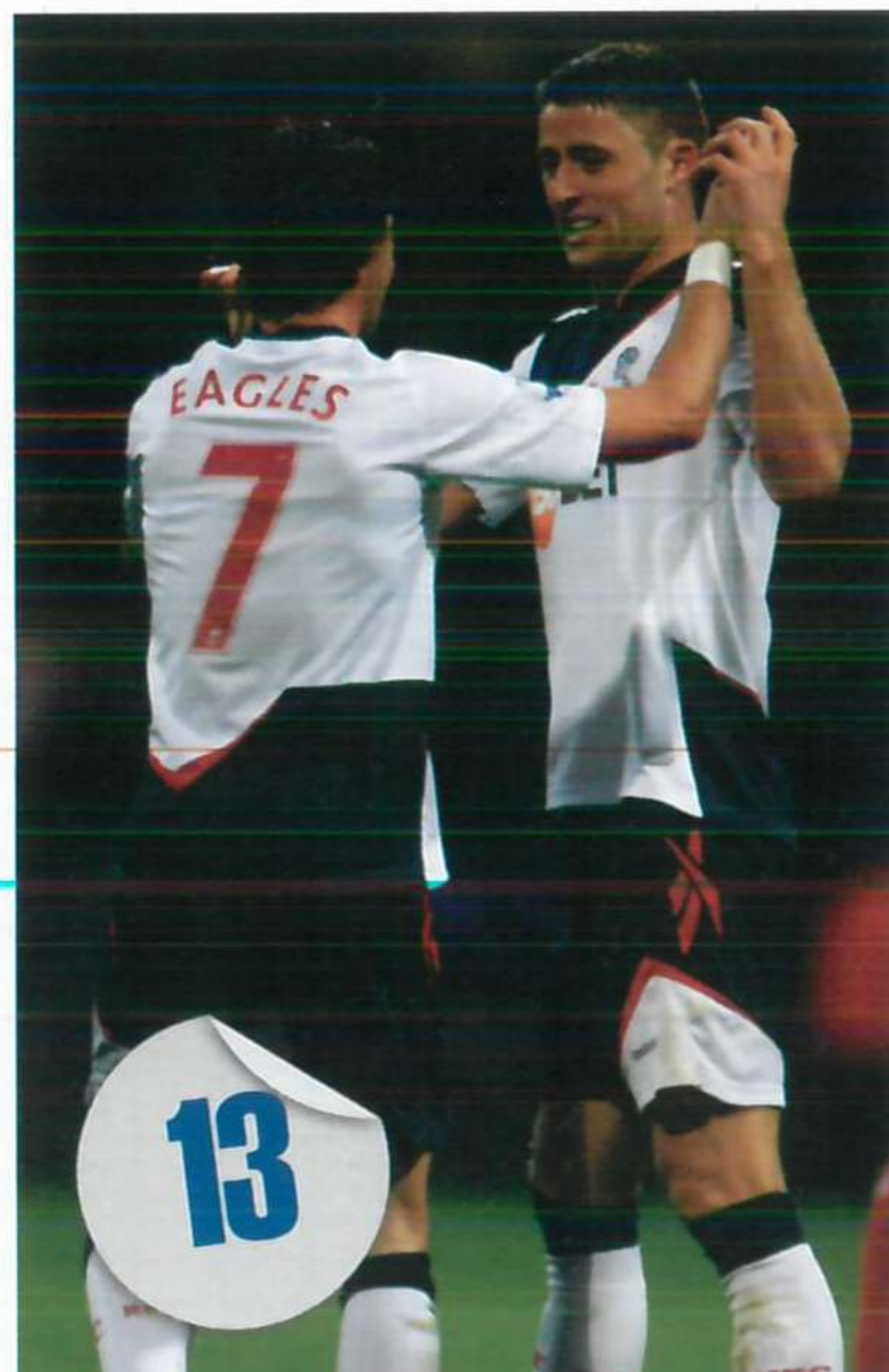
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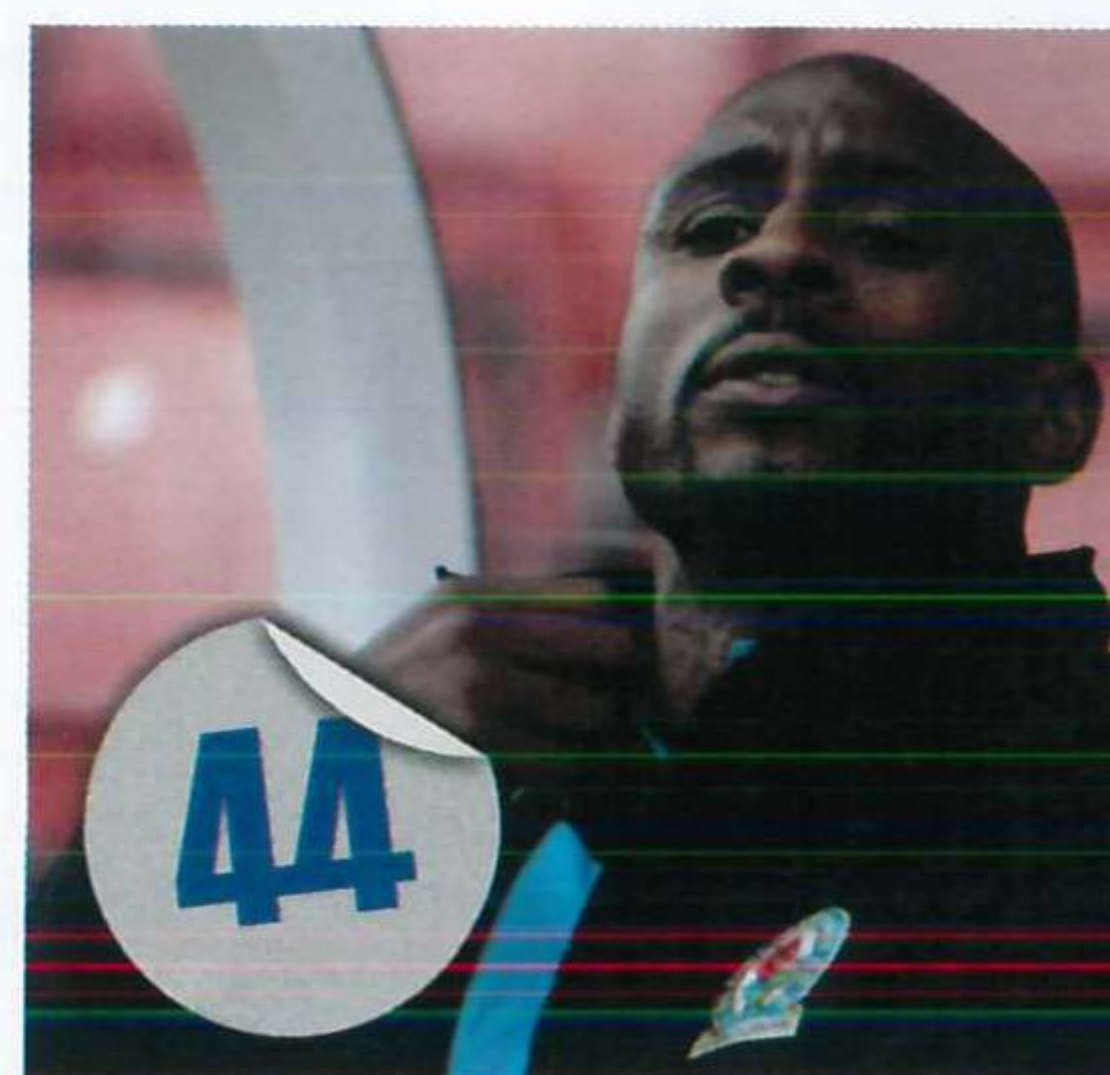
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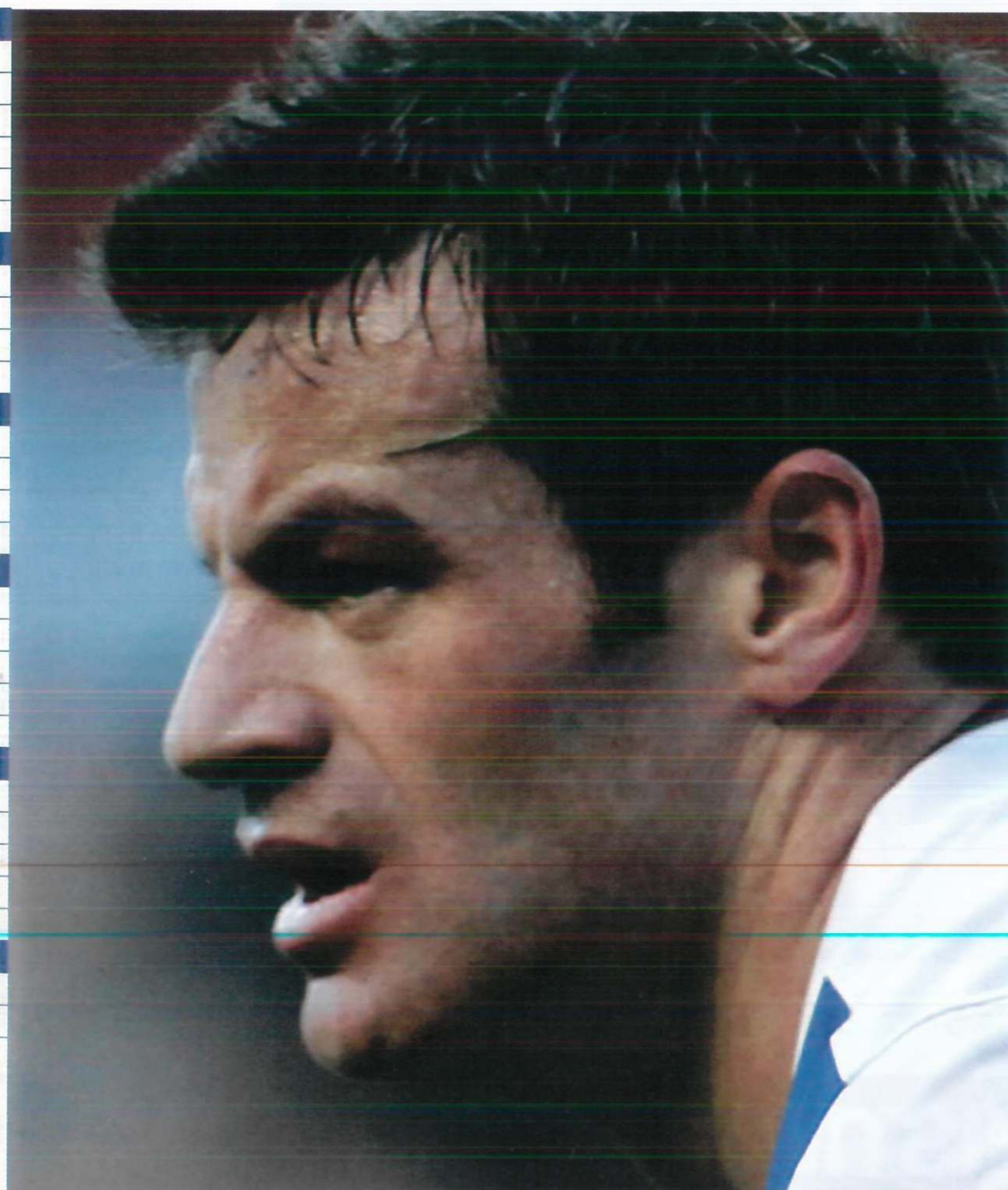
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TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Junior Hoilett is ready to give Rovers a massive boost ahead of tonight's crunch local derby with Bolton Wanderers.

Having missed two games with a hamstring strain, the young forward - a potential match winner - is pushing for a return.

But while that represents great news for manager Steve Kean, the news of the club's defenders is far from encouraging.

Scott Dann, who scored his first goal against WBA at the weekend, is absent with a groin problem that has already required surgery and

Above Gael Givet is awaiting a heart procedure.

could see him out of action until February.

Scott joins fellow rearguard men Ryan Nelsen, Michel Salgado, Gael Givet and Martin Olsson (the decisive scorer when we beat Wanderers here on their last visit in April) on the sidelines.

Assuming Junior makes it, the question will be at whose expense? Both Ruben Rochina and Simon Vukcevic are keen to hold on to their positions on the flanks.

Jason Roberts, who has not seen much action of late but came on to make an impact against the Baggies on Saturday, could be asked to form a two-man front line

with Yakubu.

David Dunn, who was in the wars with head and calf injuries on Saturday, is likely to be okay to start, with Morten Gamst Pedersen again being asked to fill in as emergency cover at left-back.

Bolton, who have several senior players unavailable, including Stuart Holden, Tyrone Mears and Chung-Yong Lee, have picked up more points away from home than at the Reebok Stadium so far this term.

They have tasted victory twice on the road - QPR on the opening day and also at Wigan.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FANS



MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Steve Kean

Played 36 Won 7 Drawn 11 Lost 18
For 46 Against 66
Av Pts/game 0.89
Biggest Win(s) Blackburn 4 Swansea
2 (03/12/2011). Biggest Loss(es)
Blackburn 0 Man City 4 (01/10/2011).

Owen Coyle

Played 73 Won 21 Drawn 13 Lost 39
For 88 Against 123
Av Pts/game 1.04
Biggest Win(s) Bolton 5 Stoke 0
(06/11/2011). Biggest Loss(es) Bolton
0 Man Utd 5 (10/09/2011).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played1 | Steve Kean.....1 | Owen Coyle0
Draws.....0 | Goals 1 | Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Ayegbeni
Yakubu 22

shots on target

Ayegbeni
Yakubu 16

shots off target

Ruben
Rochina 9

assists

Christopher
Samba 3

crosses

Morten Gamst
Pedersen 31

fouls

Steven
Nzonzi 29

free-kicks-won

David
Hoilett 19

tackles

David
Hoilett 36



Player with the most...

shots

Chris
Eagles 38

shots on target

Chris
Eagles 30

shots off target

Martin
Petrov 9

assists

Ivan
Klasnic 4

crosses

Martin
Petrov 25

fouls

Kevin
Davies 30

free-kicks-won

Kevin
Davies 24

tackles

Paul
Robinson 55

GAMES SINCE

1	a win	4
0	a home win	2
10	an away win	4
0	a defeat	0
1	a home defeat	0
0	an away defeat	0
4	a score draw	30
28	a no score draw	36
0	conceding a goal	0
0	scoring a goal	0
0	conceding > 1	0
1	scoring > 1	4
19	keeping a clean sheet	4
2	failing to score	1
12	back to back wins	28
2	back to back defeats	0
1	gaining a point	4
0	losing a point	0
1	win by > one	4
2	loss by > one	1

SHARP SHOOTERS

Blackburn	Prem	Cup	Tot	Bolton	Prem	Cup	Tot
Ayegbeni Yakubu	9	1	10	Ivan Klasnic	7	0	7
Ruben Rochina	2	4	6	Chris Eagles	3	1	4
David Hoilett	3	0	3	Kevin Davies	2	0	2
Christopher Samba	2	0	2	Fabrice Muamba	1	1	2
Mauro Formica	2	0	2	Martin Petrov	1	1	2

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played144 | Blackburn wins.....54 | Bolton wins.....57
Draws.....33 | Goals 229 (1.6 per game) | Goals 218 (1.5 per game)
0-0's10 | Times failed to score 35 | Times failed to score 34

Biggest League win at Blackburn for each team:
21/12/1889 Blackburn 7-1 Bolton
07/01/1928 Blackburn 1-6 Bolton

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BLACKBURN

Rank	Name	Score
55	A Yakubu	184
100	C Samba	152
101	D Hoilett	152
164	P Robinson	109
168	M Formica	108

BOLTON

Rank	Name	Score
38	I Klasnic	204
83	C Eagles	162
123	P Robinson	138
128	G Cahill	133
147	K Davies	123

Top five ranked players for each team

LEAGUE STATS



19	Position	20
15	Played	15
2	Won	3
4	Drawn	0
9	Lost	12
22	Goals For	20
34	Goals Against	36
10	Points	9



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	1	6	16	1	0	8	17

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	3	3	20	2	0	4	19

Record When Scoring First

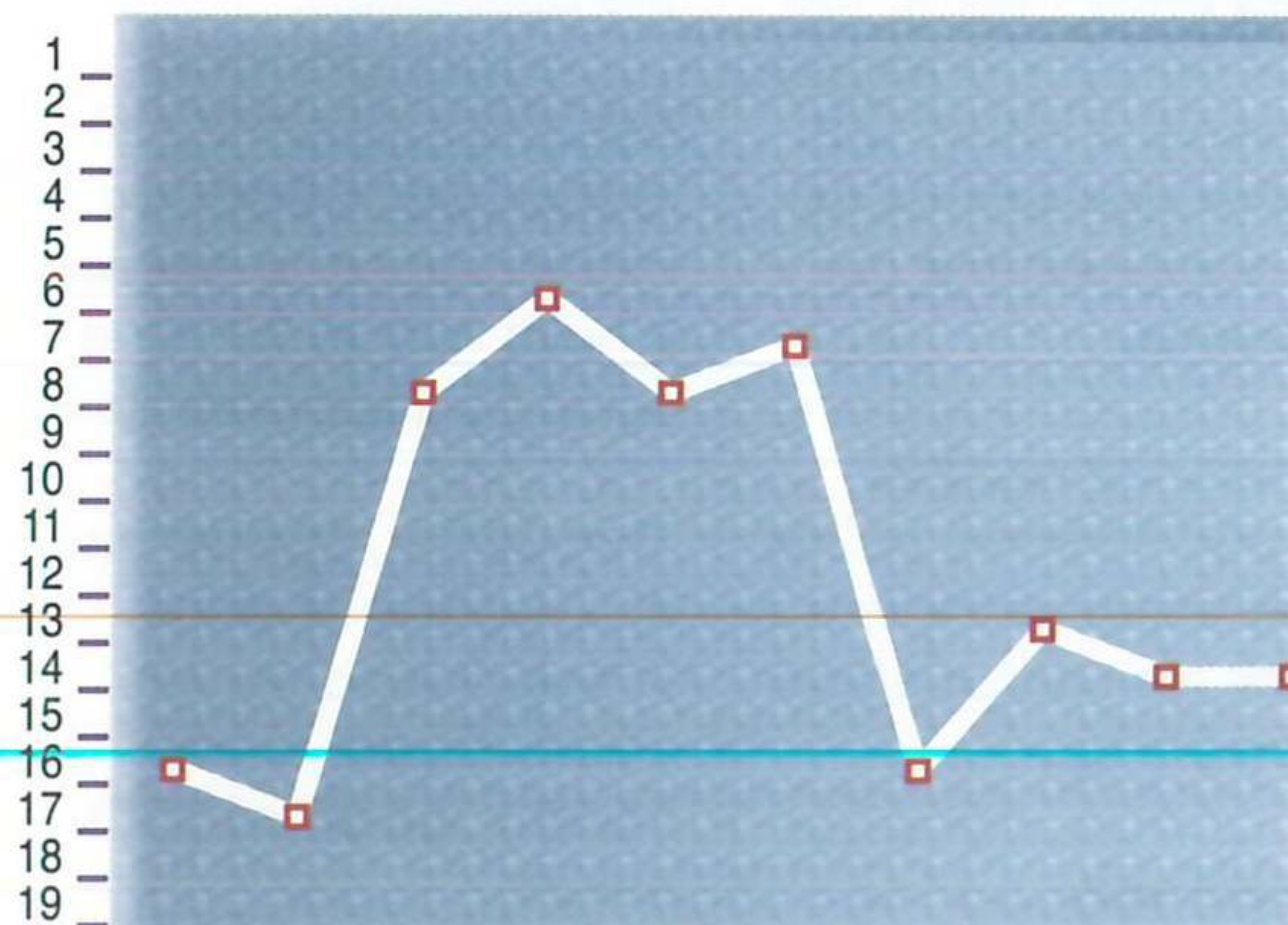
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	3	2	19	3	0	0	16

Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	1	7	10	0	0	12	20

BOLTON - TEN SEASON RECORD

01/02 02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06 06/07 07/08 08/09 09/10 10/11



PREM 16 PREM 17 PREM 8 PREM 6 PREM 8 PREM 7 PREM 16 PREM 13 PREM 14 PREM 14

*up to and including 14/12/2011

THE MANAGER STEVE KEAN

You might say that we can expect a 'pressure cooker' situation at Ewood Park tonight.

There is simply no getting away from it, the visit of Bolton Wanderers represents a fixture with massive significance for both ourselves and our opponents.

We know we need to start putting some points on the board and this is a chance we cannot afford to let pass by.

We were very disappointed with Saturday's defeat here against West Bromwich Albion and many aspects

of our performance were below par. We didn't play to anything like our capability, or reach the required tempo or intensity, and that, I felt, played into the hands of the opposition.

But, even accepting all of that, we thought we had managed to salvage a point only to be done again by a late, late goal.

That defeat, against one of a number of clubs in and around us, has clearly added to the importance of tonight's match.

Our cause is not being helped by an incredible run of injury blows, the

Below Rovers will be without Scott Dann for up to six weeks.

Right Martin Olsson remains unavailable.



latest involving Gael Givet (heart) and Scott Dann (groin), two of our senior defenders.

Gael is due to undergo a medical process to solve his heart issue later this week, but we don't yet know how long he will be on the sidelines.

With Scott the situation is a little more clear, but no less devastating.

He had an emergency operation on Saturday night and will be out for up to six weeks.

Given that Ryan Nelsen, Michel Salgado and Martin Olsson also remain unavailable, the



serious depletion of our defence is there for all to see. I am not offering this up as an excuse and, yes, I accept that every club gets injuries, but it is a reason and maybe goes a long way to explaining why we have found it so hard to get a settled back unit.

However, one man's injury is another's opportunity and we must remain positive in the quality and desire of our squad.

Tonight I will be looking for courage out there on the pitch. By that I mean players having the courage to get a hold of the ball and to make



things happen for the team.

It was a failing against WBA, but we have been through that over the last couple of days and I expect to see a reaction.

Bolton come here under pressure too and, like us, they will see it as a chance to lift the pressure with a win.

The Wanderers' manager, Owen Coyle, has experienced injury problems of his own, but he will demand a performance from his team like I will demand one from ours.

I would like to welcome

Owen, his management and coaching staff and all the players, officials and supporters from down the road at the Reebok.

Finally, please can I ask for you all to get right behind the lads for the full 90 minutes. We need a win and we need to know that you are right there with us as we go out to try and clinch one

If ever we needed to stand solid together then tonight's the night.

Steve



Rovers' first team stars offered some festive cheer to poorly young patients at the Royal Blackburn Hospital.

The players played Father Christmas for a day on their annual visit to the Hospital's children's ward.

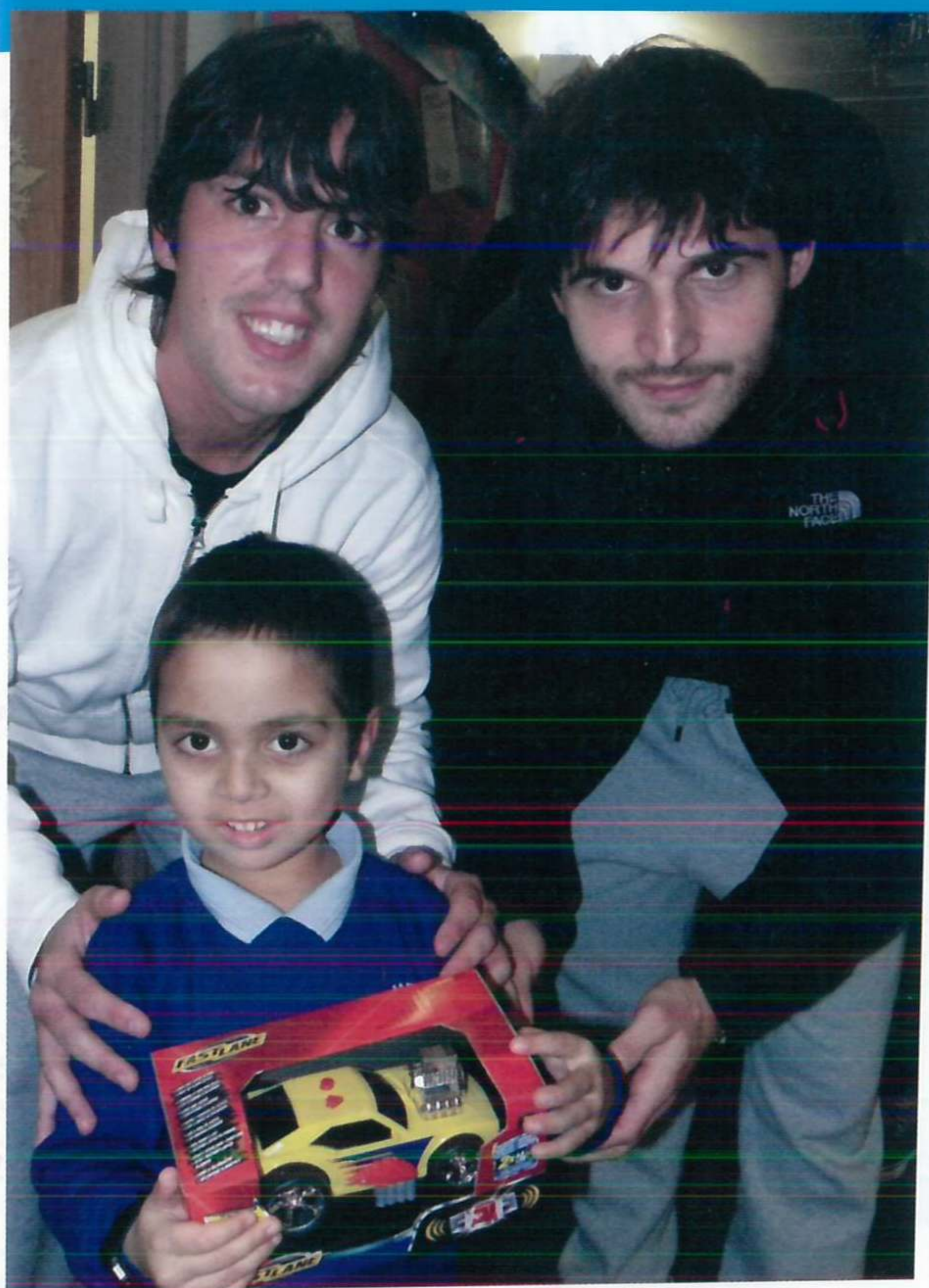
Armed with sacks full of presents, the players posed for pictures, signed autographs and chatted to fans, before handing out an assortment of Christmas treats.

David Dunn said: "We have had a lot of support from the fans over the years, so it's good for us to support the local community.

"It's not the best place to be at this time of year, even though the nurses are really good, so we do what we can.

"If we can get an extra smile out of them and give them a boost then it's a job well done."





Young unemployed people on a course with youth charity and the club's official partner The Prince's Trust got the chance to meet Rovers' rising star Jason Lowe.

The question and answer session gave Jason the opportunity to meet young people who were on The Prince's Trust 'Team' programme, delivered by the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.

The programme is a 12-week personal development course which gives young unemployed people the skills and confidence to find work.

Last year, the youth charity worked with almost 5,000 14 to 30-year-olds across the North West who have struggled at school, have been in care, are long-term unemployed or have been in trouble with the law.

Rovers, which has a history of running Prince's Trust programmes for disadvantaged young people in the area, committed to fundraising for the charity throughout the season in addition to the pro bono shirt contribution it announced earlier this year.

It is hoped that money raised through the Charity of the Year partnership will help provide more Prince's Trust programmes in Blackburn over the coming year.

Jason said: "Being given the opportunity to meet some of the young people on The Trust's course has been a huge privilege for me. I'm extremely proud to wear The Prince's Trust logo on our shirts week in, week out and being able to come here is a great chance to see what The Trust does."

"It's a fantastic charity and their work is helping so many disadvantaged young people in the area to find a job."

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IN TOWN TODAY: **BOLTON WANDERERS**



BOLTON



LAST TIME OUT (LEAGUE)

v Fulham L0-2 17.12.2011

Fulham heaped more misery on bottom-of-the-table Bolton as goals from Clint Dempsey and Bryan Ruiz handed the visitors their fifth loss on the trot.

BOLTON

Jaaskelainen
Alonso
Cahill
Knight
Boyata (Steinsson 46)
Muamba yellow card
M Davies
Reo-Coker
Pratley (Eagles 46)
Davies (Ngog 56)
Klasnic

CLUB FACTS

Formed: 1874

Ground: Reebok Stadium

Nickname: The Trotters

Last season: 14th



Few Bolton fans could have predicted the way their season was likely to shape up following a stunning opening day triumph away to newly-promoted QPR.

Goals from Gary Cahill, Danny Gabbidon (OG), Ivan Klasnic and Fabrice Muamba secured a 4-0 win and saw Wanderers sitting top of the pile.

Fast-forward four months and Bolton now find themselves propping up the table and only victory here tonight would prevent them from being bottom at Christmas.

After a 14th-place finish last term, manager Owen Coyle strengthened his squad with a succession of summer signings.

Coyle snapped up Nigel Reo-Coker and Darren Pratley on free transfers from Aston Villa and Swansea respectively to add some bite in midfield. Burnley duo Chris Eagles and Tyrone Mears were reunited with their former manager, while Dedryck Boyata was brought in on loan from Manchester City.

Wanderers' attacking options were increased with the £4m signing of David

Ngog from Liverpool and the further loan acquisitions of Tuncay, from Wolfsburg, and Gael Kakuta from Chelsea.

Coyle had also fought off interest in star defender Cahill and it was fitting that the England international got Wanderers' season off and running.

However, there has been little to smile about since that opening day success.

Wanderers lost their next six league games, before beating fellow strugglers Wigan in mid-October.

Defeats to Sunderland and Swansea followed, before Bolton produced one of the shocks of the season when they thrashed Stoke 5-0 to avenge April's FA Cup semi-final defeat by the same scoreline.

Bolton have failed to pick up a point since however, losing to West Brom (2-1), Everton (2-0), Tottenham, (3-0), Aston Villa (2-1) and Fulham (2-0).

Like Rovers, scoring goals hasn't proved to be much of a problem, with Klasnic leading the way with seven. But it has been their inability to keep them out at the other end that sees them in the position they are in.



FORM GUIDE - last five games



League games only (most recent first)

HEAD2HEAD

	Rovers	Draws	Bolton
League	54	33	57
FA Cup	4	4	4
League Cup	1	0	0
Total	59	37	62

LAST5MEETINGS

30/04/11	Rovers 1-0 Bolton (Premier League)
12/12/10	Bolton 2-1 Rovers (Premier League)
21/02/10	Rovers 3-0 Bolton (Premier League)
22/11/09	Bolton 0-2 Rovers (Premier League)
28/01/09	Rovers 2-2 Bolton (Premier League)



BOLTON'S TOP STATS

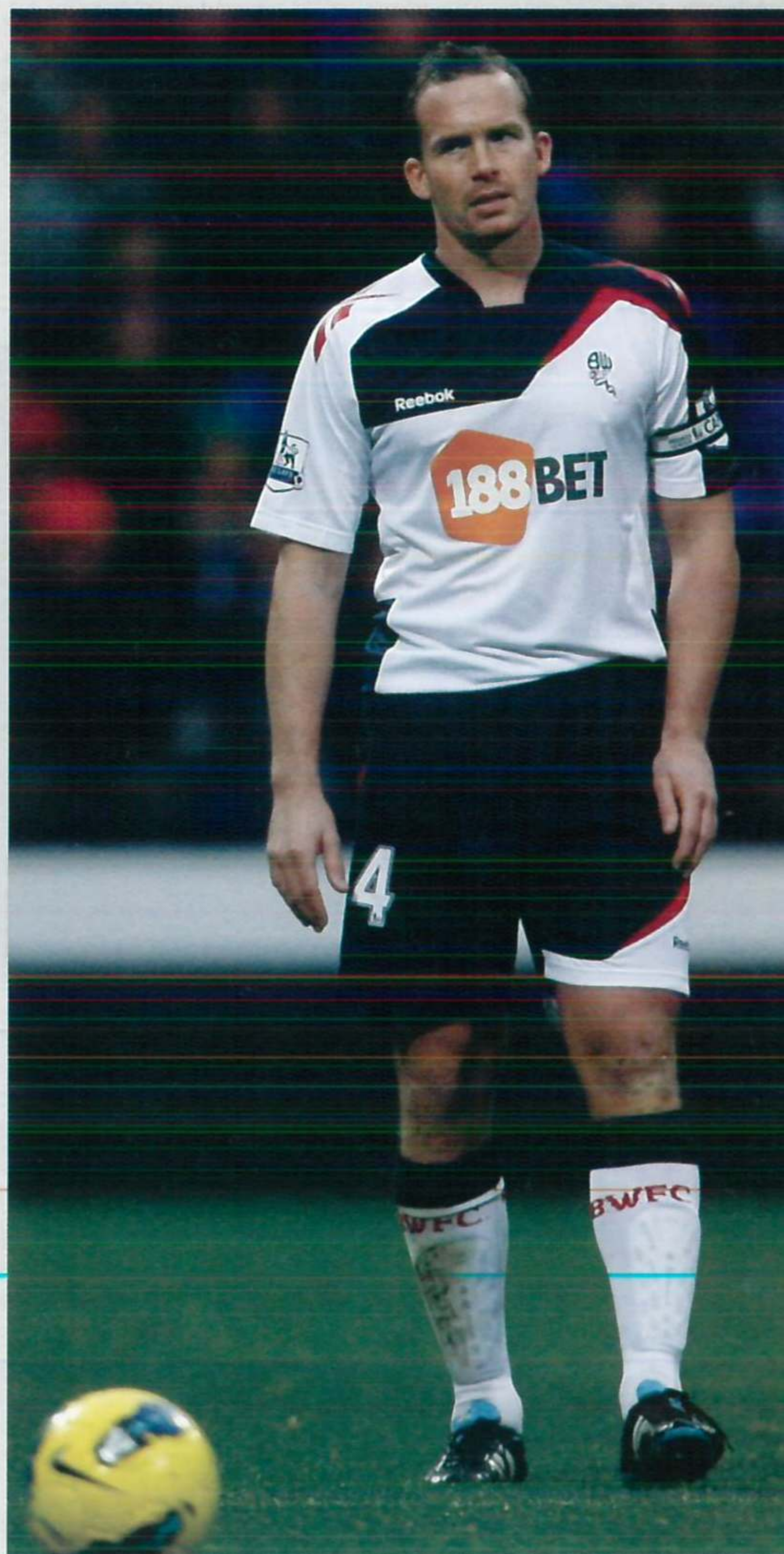
5 - Bolton have received the most red cards in the Premier League this season.

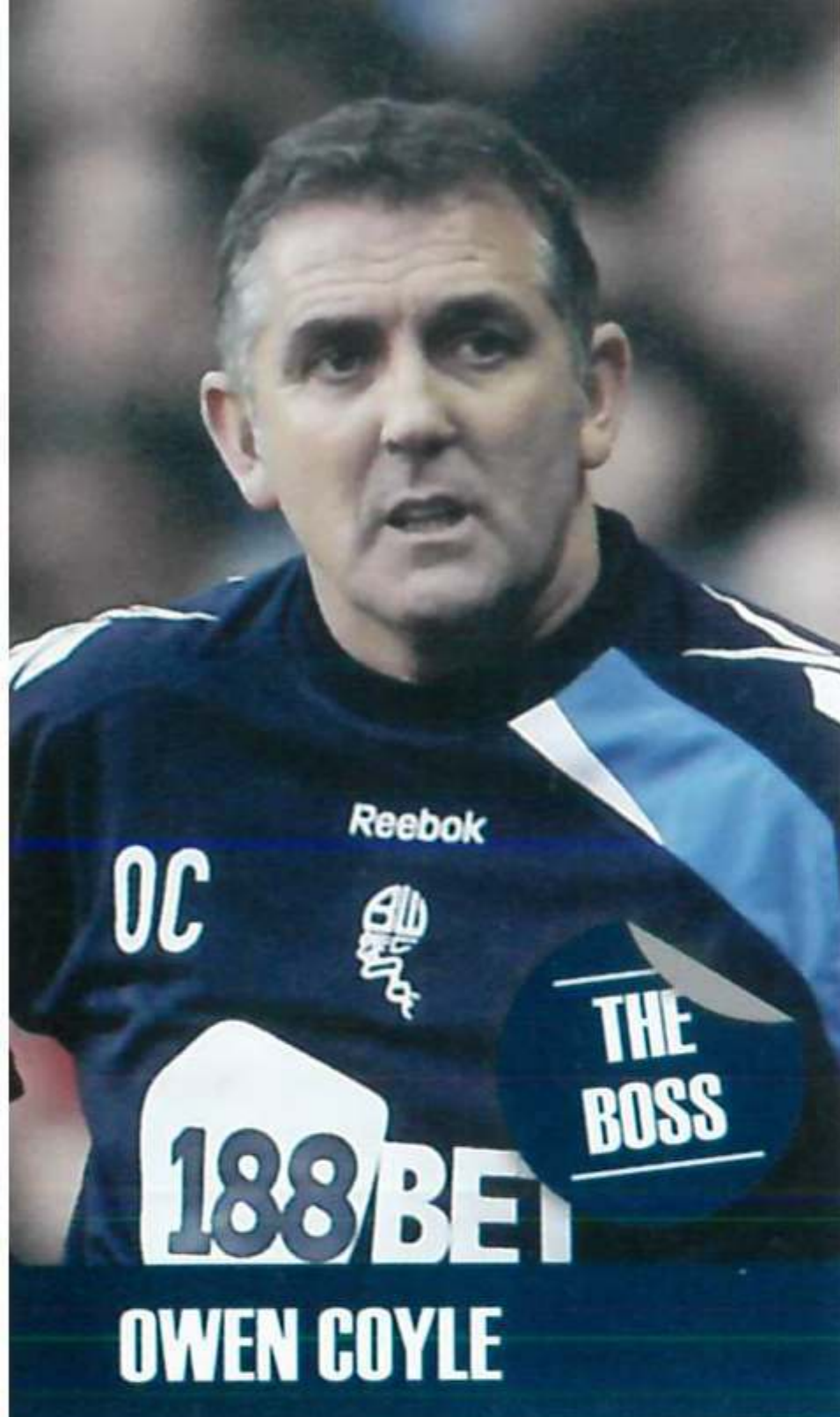
13 - Bolton have lost their last five league games and 13 of their first 16 this season.

38 - They have conceded more goals than any other team in the top flight.

12 - The Trotters have lost all 12 league matches in which they conceded the first goal this season.

350 - Mark Davies is likely to make his 100th career league appearance, while Kevin Davies (below) will play his 350th game for Bolton.





His appointment as manager signalled a second coming at Bolton for Owen Coyle, who served as a player between 1993 and 1995. The 43-year-old Scot was an integral member of the squad that earned promotion to the Premier League in the 1994-95 season.

Wanderers was the only English club that Coyle represented in a playing career which spanned a total of 22 years.

Having started out in 1985 with Dumbarton, he went on to play for Clydebank, Airdrieonians, Dundee United, Motherwell and Dunfermline amongst several others in the Scottish Football League.

Coyle's first solo venture into management came in 2005 when he was placed in charge of St Johnstone. He guided them to successive second-place finishes in the Scottish First Division, before moving to Burnley.

He was at the helm for 26 months and transformed the Clarets from a mid-table Championship side into a Premier League outfit.

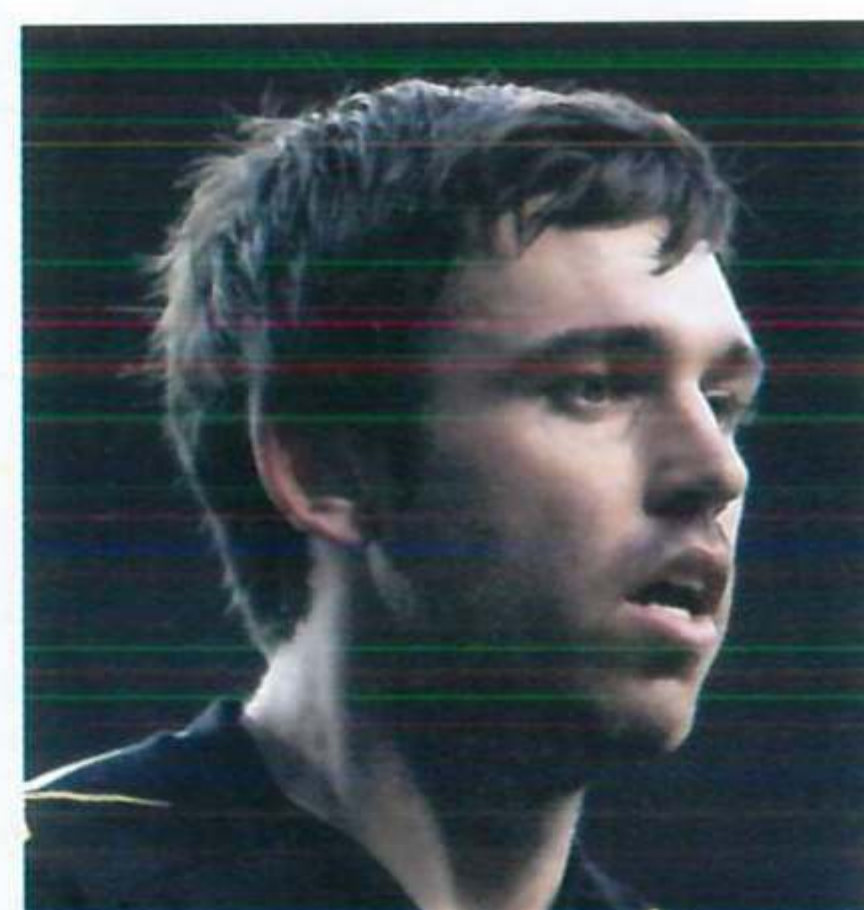
But when Bolton came calling, he accepted the challenge at his old club and guided them to a 14th-place finish in his first five months in the role last season.



JUSSI JAASKELAINEN

Position: Goalkeeper
D.O.B: 19/04/1975
Nationality: Finnish

Consistency is a trait that supporters have come to expect from club legend Jussi Jaaskelainen and that was once again apparent over the course of the 2010-11 season. The Finnish stopper, who moved to the club from his homeland in 1997, made his 500th Bolton appearance in an FA Cup tie against Birmingham in March and saved two Premier League penalties, against West Ham's Carlton Cole and Aston Villa's Ashley Young. Has missed just one league game this season, the 5-1 home defeat to Chelsea.



MARK DAVIES

Position: Midfielder
D.O.B: 18/02/1988
Nationality: English

Mark Davies moved to Bolton in January 2009, after the club struck a deal with Wolves for his services. The highly-rated midfielder was a vital cog in Bolton's midfield last season, offering an extra attacking option from the centre of the pitch. He made 31 appearances and scored what was later crowned as the club's Goal of the Season against Blackpool in November 2010. He was sent off in the game against Rovers at the Reebok and an ankle injury curtailed his season a month early.



PAUL ROBINSON

Position: Defender
D.O.B: 14/12/1978
Nationality: English

Paul Robinson joined Bolton from West Brom in July 2009. During his first season at the Reebok, the tough-tackling full-back competed for the left-back berth with JIloyd Samuel. Robinson made the position his own last season, missing only a handful of Premier League games. His consistent performances were recognised by his team-mates and supporters, as he scooped the Players' Player of the Year accolade and finished runner-up in the Player of the Year vote for 2011. He turned 33 last week.



NIGEL REO-COKER

Position: Midfielder
D.O.B: 14/05/1984
Nationality: English

Wanderers swooped to secure the services of free agent Nigel Reo-Coker in July after the former England Under-21 captain had left Aston Villa. Reo-Coker played 23 times for England's Under-21s between 2003 and 2007, but is the most expensive transfer signing (£8m from West Ham to Aston Villa) never to play for the senior side. Reo-Coker was an ever-present in the Premier League this season, starting the first 14 games, prior to missing the recent 2-1 defeat at home to his former club Aston Villa.



GARY CAHILL

Position: Defender
D.O.B: 19/12/1985
Nationality: English

A £5m signing from Aston Villa in January 2008, Gary Cahill's commanding performances in the heart of Bolton's defence finally resulted in international recognition last season and he has gone on to become a regular in Fabio Capello's squad. He is sure to be on the plane to the Euros next summer, but whether he will still be a Bolton player by then remains to be seen, with a number of Europe's top clubs supposedly interested in securing his services. Celebrated his 26th birthday yesterday.



TUNCAY SANLI

Position: Midfielder / Striker
D.O.B: 16/01/1982
Nationality: Turkish

Tuncay joined Bolton on a season-long loan from Wolfsburg, with a view to a permanent transfer. The deal saw the striker return to the Premier League following a six-month spell in Germany. Tuncay moved to Wolfsburg from Stoke in January 2011, having previously forged his reputation in English football with Middlesbrough. The Turkish international scored his first Bolton goal on his debut against Macclesfield in the Carling Cup, but has found opportunities limited in the league.



ZAT KNIGHT

Position: Defender
D.O.B: 19/02/1981
Nationality: English

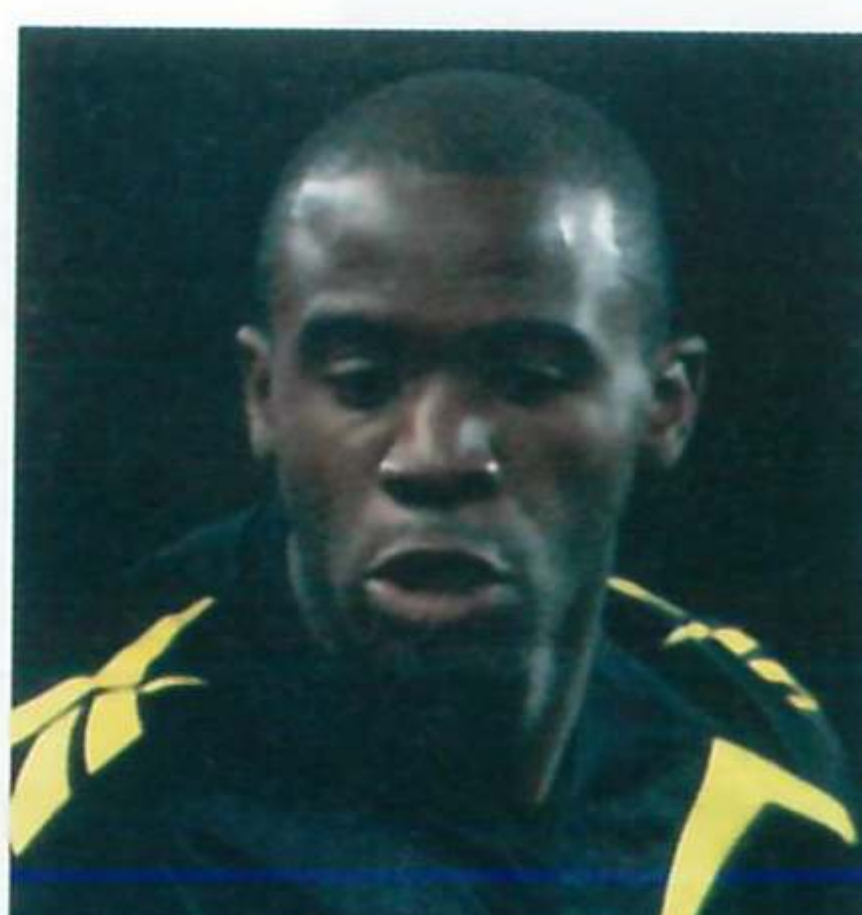
Zat Knight moved to the Reebok in July 2009, bringing with him a decade of Premier League experience. The former England international, who has two caps for his country, made 181 appearances for Fulham, before moving to Aston Villa in August 2007. Knight was an ever present in the Bolton side under Owen Coyle up until February, when he was sidelined for seven weeks with a knee injury. At 6'6", Knight is an imposing figure in both boxes, but has failed to find the back of the net since September 2010.



DEDRYCK BOYATA

Position: Defender
D.O.B: 28/11/1990
Nationality: Belgian

Exciting young Belgium international Dedryck Boyata joined Wanderers on a season-long loan from Manchester City. A versatile defender, the 21-year-old is able to play anywhere across the back four and has a deceptively good turn of pace. Having made a handful of senior appearances for City following a move from hometown club FC Brussels in 2006, Boyata found opportunities limited at Eastlands and will hope to follow in the footsteps of other successful loanees Daniel Sturridge and Jack Wilshere.



FABRICE MUAMBA

Position: Midfielder
D.O.B: 06/04/1988
Nationality: English

Fabrice Muamba completed his third full season at Bolton in 2010-11, where he was a virtual ever-present, making 41 appearances in all competitions. His only goal of the campaign arrived in December when he scored in the 2-1 derby win over Rovers at the Reebok. This followed an impressive 2009-10 campaign, where the former Arsenal and Birmingham man finished in the top three for the Player of the Year award. Muamba scored the final Bolton goal in the opening day 4-0 rout away to QPR.



CHRIS EAGLES

Position: Midfielder
D.O.B: 19/11/1985
Nationality: English

Chris Eagles was reunited with manager Owen Coyle when he joined Bolton from Burnley in the summer. Eagles is an attack-minded midfielder, who is capable of playing in wide and central areas and also has keen eye for goal. Eagles came through the ranks at Manchester United, before moving to Turf Moor in July 2008 and helping them secure promotion to the Premier League via the play-offs. He has scored four times this season, including a brace in the recent 5-0 win at home to Stoke.



IVAN KLASNIC

Position: Striker
D.O.B: 29/01/1980
Nationality: Croatian

Ivan Klasnic re-signed for Wanderers on a permanent basis in August 2010 after spending the previous season on loan from Nantes. The Croatian international scored eight goals in his first year in English football, with his outstanding contribution coming against Manchester City when the former Werder Bremen man claimed a superb brace of goals in an enthralling 3-3 draw. In 2010-11, Klasnic was mainly deployed as a substitute, but his goalscoring credentials helped Bolton earn important home league victories over Stoke City and Aston Villa. The Hamburg-born man did earn a number of starts in the FA Cup, where he netted the decisive goals in 1-0 wins over Wigan and Fulham in the fourth and five rounds respectively. Klasnic, who has 11 goals for his country, has been Bolton's star performer this season, scoring in the club's first three league games, as well as bagging a brace in the 5-0 romp over Stoke.



KEVIN DAVIES

Position: Striker
D.O.B: 26/03/1977
Nationality: English

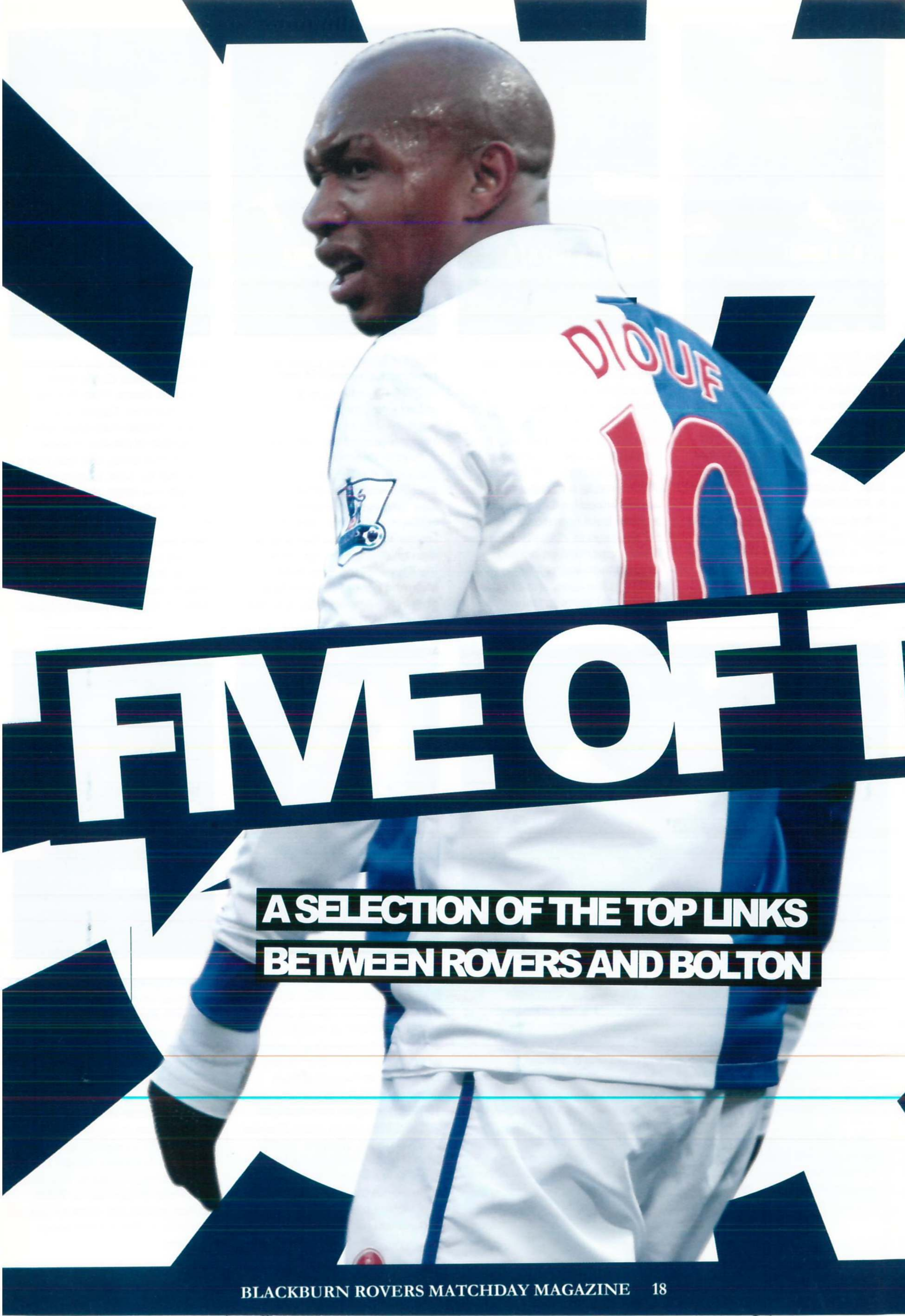
No player epitomises Bolton's fighting spirit more than Kevin Davies, who has been a colossus since he arrived at the club in 2003. The long-serving frontman, who was once Rovers' record signing when he joined from Southampton for £7.5m in June 1998, once again excelled last season. He started every Premier League game, chipped in with crucial goals, including a brace in a 4-2 win against Spurs and a penalty in the FA Cup quarter-final victory over Birmingham, and earned his first England cap.



DAVID NGOG

Position: Striker
D.O.B: 01/04/1989
Nationality: French

Bolton signed David Ngog from Liverpool on transfer deadline day, with the striker signing a three-year contract for a reported £4m fee. The 22-year-old became the eighth player to move to the Reebok during the summer transfer window. Ngog had three years' worth of experience in the Premier League with Liverpool, where the pacey frontman netted 19 goals, having moved to England from Paris St Germain in 2008. He has scored just once for his new club, in the 3-1 win away to Wigan.



FIVE OF THE

**A SELECTION OF THE TOP LINKS
BETWEEN ROVERS AND BOLTON**

CLUB CONNECTIONS

John Byrom - John Byrom joined his hometown club, Blackburn Rovers, in 1959. He scored 45 league goals in 108 games for the club, before being signed by near neighbours Bolton for £25,000 in the summer of 1966. As Bolton moved between the second and third tiers of English football, he scored 130 goals in over 300 games during his 10-year spell at Burnden Park, including 20 when Bolton won the Third Division title in 1973. He returned to Rovers for a final season, before retiring in 1977 due to a knee injury.

Glen Keeley - Glenn Keeley joined Rovers from Newcastle in 1976. He took time to win over the fans, but possessed a steely grit that enabled him to develop into an outstanding

central defender alongside Derek Fazackerley. He went on to play over 400 games for the club and captained the team to Full Members' Cup final glory in 1987. He joined Bolton a year later and played 20 league games, before returning to the club after hanging up his boots to offer football to local disabled and disadvantaged youngsters through their Football in the Community team.

Mark Patterson - Darwen-born Mark Patterson started his career as a Rovers apprentice. The midfielder made over 100 league appearances for the club, scoring 20 goals, before joining Preston North End in 1988. He joined Bolton from Bury in 1991 and made

169 league appearances for Wanderers, before signing for Sheffield United. After hanging up his boots and completing his coaching qualifications, Patterson returned to the Reebok to coach at the Bolton Wanderers Academy.

Colin Hendry - Colin Hendry had two spells at both Rovers and Bolton. He first arrived at Ewood Park from Dundee in 1987. He played over 100 league games and scored the winning goal in the Full Members' Cup final at Wembley. He moved to Manchester City in November 1989, but returned to Rovers two years later. He made a further 250-plus appearances and was a key component of our Premiership title-winning team. He joined Bolton on loan from Coventry in December 2000, before making the

move permanent the following February, making a total of 33 appearances.

El-Hadji Diouf - One of the game's most colourful characters, El-Hadji Diouf joined Bolton on loan from Liverpool in August 2004, before making the move permanent at the end of the season. He scored 24 goals in 136 games for the club, including Bolton's first ever goal in Europe. After a short spell at Sunderland, Diouf was reunited with former manager Sam Allardyce at Rovers. He scored four goals in 62 appearances for the club, before being loaned out to Rangers, where he won the SPL title. He was recently named captain of Championship strugglers Doncaster Rovers.

THE BEST

DEBUTS vs

Hakan **Unsal** - Mar 2002
Steven **Reid** - Aug 2003
Robbie **Savage** - Jan 2005
Zurab **Khizanishvili**
- Sep 2005
David **Bentley** - Sep 2005

MEMORABLE MATCHES

Rovers 5-0 Bolton, March 29th 1963 - Rovers ran out 5-0 winners over Bolton in a meeting between the two teams almost 50 years ago. Andy McEvoy opened the scoring, before both John Byrom and Fred Pickering bagged braces to complete the rout. Rovers ended the First Division season in 11th place, whilst Bolton were down in 18th.

Rovers 3-1 Bolton, February 3rd 1996 - Alan Shearer scored his fourth Ewood Park hat-trick of the season to condemn lowly Bolton to another defeat. Bolton thought they had done enough to earn a draw when Scott Green cancelled out Shearer's early opener. But

the talismanic England striker scored twice in the final few minutes to secure the points for Ray Harford's side. Rovers ended the season in seventh, whilst Bolton finished bottom.

Bolton 1-4 Rovers, February 23rd 2001 - Rovers were in superb form, putting four goals past First Division promotion rivals Bolton at the Reebok Stadium. Goals from Marcus Bent, David Dunn, Matt Jansen and a brilliant strike from Craig Hignett shell-shocked the home side. Sam Allardyce's Bolton managed a late consolation from the boot of Michael Ricketts, but it was too little too late, as Graham Souness' men moved to within four points of second place.

Both teams returned to the top flight at the end of the season.

Rovers 4-1 Bolton, February 24th 2008 - Benni McCarthy was spot on, as Rovers romped to a 4-1 win. The South African striker gave Rovers the lead on 25 minutes from a penalty after David Dunn had been felled in the area, but minutes after the break, former Rover Kevin Davies levelled from close range. Less than 10 minutes later, Mark Hughes' side were back in front after Dunn was once again upended in the box and McCarthy lashed home from 12 yards. There was to be no comeback from Gary Megson's side, as Rovers hit two further goals, one from the head of David

Bentley, whilst Morten Gamst Pedersen applied the icing on the cake with a last-minute goal.

Rovers 3-0 Bolton, February 21st 2010 - Rovers jetted back from the Dubai sunshine to the blizzard conditions at Ewood Park to pick up their first league double of the season. The deadlock was broken on 41 minutes when Nikola Kalinic lashed home his seventh of the season. Substitute Jason Roberts took advantage of lax defending to double Rovers' lead on 73 minutes, before Gael Givet arrived to head home an El-Hadji Diouf cross to complete the comfortable win.



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Team	Pts
Manchester Utd	83
Arsenal	78
Newcastle Utd	69
Chelsea	67
Liverpool	64
ROVERS	60
Everton	59
Southampton	52
Manchester City	51
Tottenham	50
Middlesbrough	49
Charlton Athletic	49
Birmingham City	48
Fulham	48
Leeds Utd	47
Aston Villa	45
Bolton Wanderers	44
West Ham Utd	42
West Brom	26
Sunderland	19



Rovers scorers

League goals only

Damien Duff	9
Dwight Yorke	8
David Dunn	8
Andy Cole	7

The 2002-03 season was memorable for a number of positive reasons, not least a 4-0 final day win at White Hart Lane which secured a very creditable sixth-placed finish and qualification for the UEFA Cup.

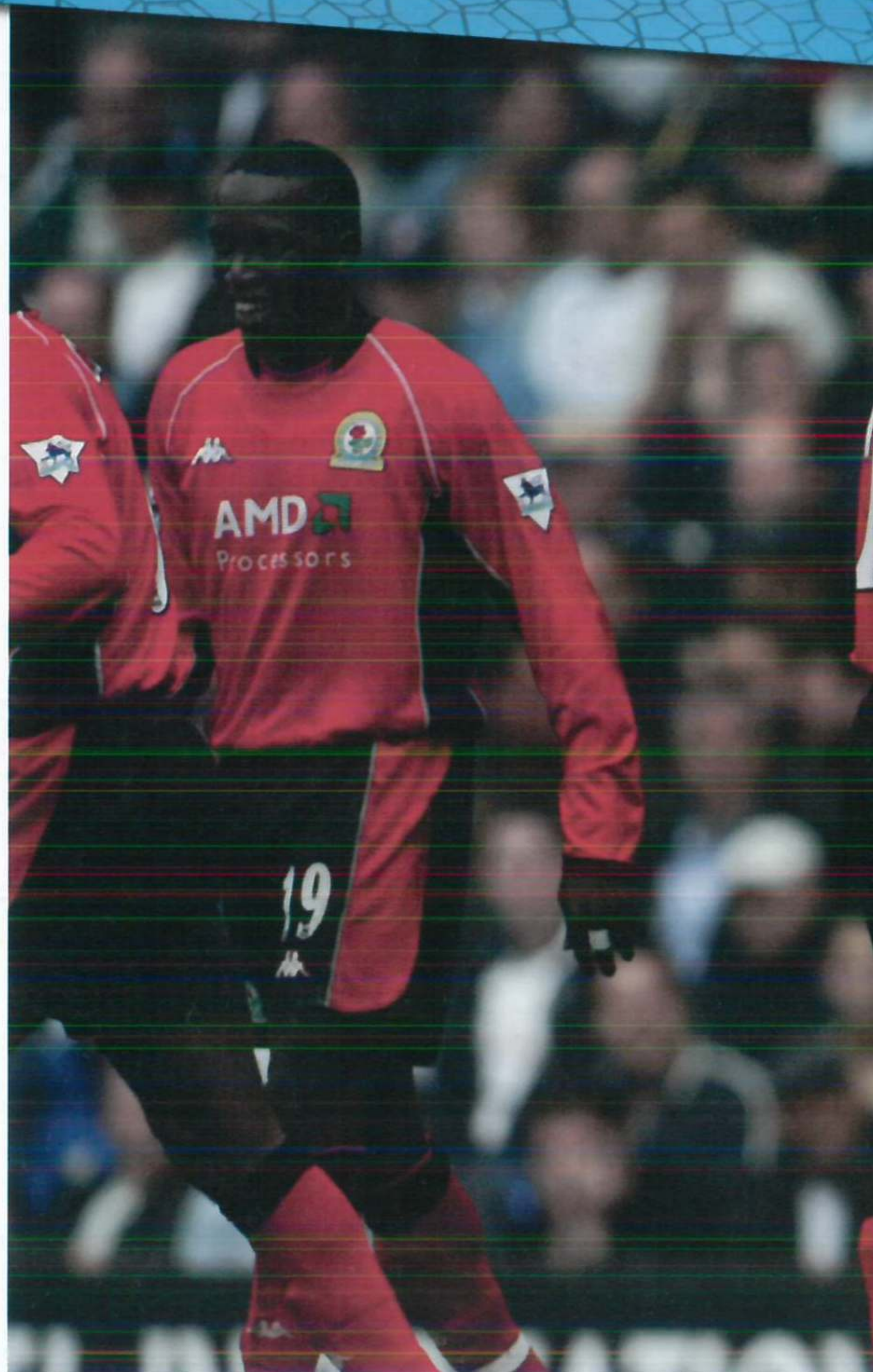
It was also the season in which Rovers tried oh so hard to hold onto the League Cup, losing narrowly to Manchester United in an intriguing semi-final.

Jay McEveley became the youngest player to represent the club in the Premiership when he turned out at Bolton just 13 days after his 17th birthday and other debutants during the campaign included Andy Todd, Hakan Sukur, Paul Gallagher and Sebastian Pelzer.

But it all started fairly dull with a goalless home draw against Sunderland before new recruit Dwight Yorke grabbed the winner in a 1-0 victory at Birmingham.

David Dunn and the ultimately disappointing striker Ciccio Grabbi both netted in a 2-2 home thriller with Liverpool, before back-to-back defeats against Middlesbrough and Chelsea caused concern for manager Graeme Souness.

Rovers then won four and drew three of the next eight fixtures to put themselves



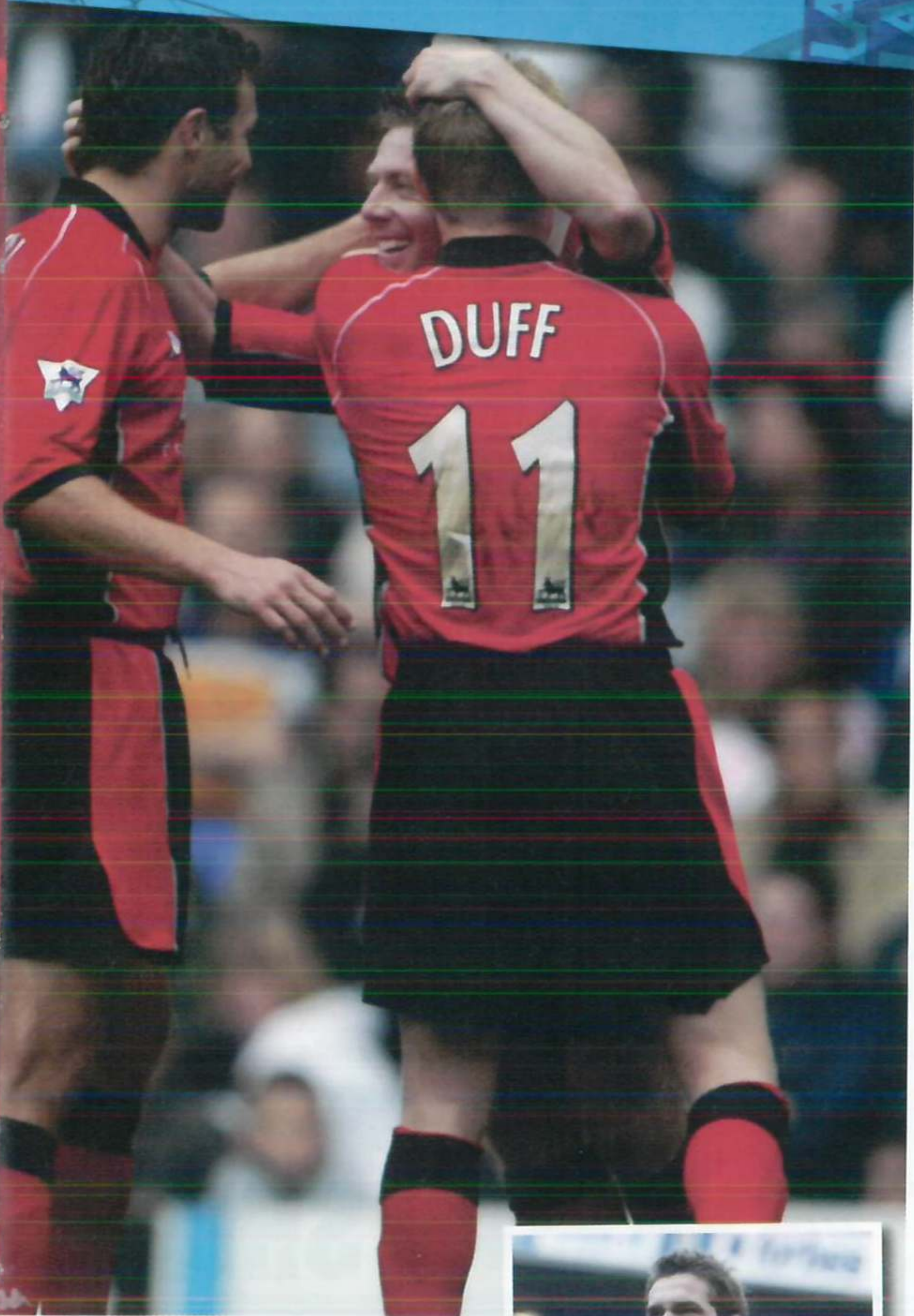
Above Rovers beat Tottenham on the final day to secure a place in Europe.

Right David Dunn celebrates a goal in the 5-2 Ewood thrashing of Newcastle.

in a healthy position, the highlight being a marvellous 5-2 Ewood triumph over Newcastle and the only reverse a 2-1 home defeat against Spurs.

The defence of the League Cup started in a stuttering fashion, lowly Walsall holding Souness' men at Ewood with Rovers just sneaking through 5-4 on penalties.

twenty premier league years



Ties against Rotherham and Wigan were more easily overcome to set up a mouthwatering two-legged semi with United.

By the time that came around Rovers were sitting pretty in the table with former Old Trafford strike duo Yorke and Andy Cole regularly among the goalscorers.



It was Cole who gave Rovers real hope of another final when he put us ahead in the return after a goal from David Thompson had earned a draw at the Theatre of Dreams. Unfortunately, Rovers failed to capitalise and ended up bowing out.

Back on the league front, a run of four successive victories over Southampton, Chelsea, Manchester City and Arsenal - with only one goal conceded - saw Rovers really pushing forward.

Despite an uncharacteristic drubbing at Newcastle, a great 4-0 live TV win at Fulham (Turkish scoring legend Sukur grabbing two goals), started to increase hopes of UEFA Cup qualification among excited supporters.

The feat was finally achieved on one of the best-ever final days against Spurs, Yorke, Cole, Craig Hignett and Damien Duff the marksmen on an afternoon of great celebration for Souness and his entertaining side.

Rovers finished with 60 points - 26 of them coming from the final 12 games - Cole finished top scorer with 13 in all competitions and the average Ewood league crowd was 26,226.

IN THE NEWS...

► United Airlines, the second largest airline in the world, files for bankruptcy.

► The Cricket World Cup takes place in South Africa and Australia beat India in the final.

► In February there are global protests against Iraq war. More than 10 million people protest in over 600 cities worldwide the largest to take place before a war occurs.

► However, in March the Iraq War begins with the invasion of Iraq by the US and allied forces.

BOLTON



A home victory over Aston Villa and a memorable 1-0 victory over Manchester United at Old Trafford got Bolton off to another promising start to the season, but their subsequent form was memorable for all the wrong reasons as they only won two of their next 21 games, causing most pundits to write them off by the start of 2003.

A 4-2 win over Birmingham City on February 1st finally kick-started their campaign and the club only lost two more games (away to Chelsea and Liverpool) during the rest of the season, leaving them in control of their destiny on the final day.

They achieved survival with a 2-1 victory over Middlesbrough.



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Young Rovers' striker Jordan Slew made a guest appearance when an East Lancashire church staged a special pre-Christmas event.

England Under-19 star Jordan was joined by the Mayor of Blackburn with Darwen, Councillor Karim Foster, at a 'Christmas Tree' dedication ceremony at St James' in Lower Darwen, which involved children from the parish school and the local community.

Jordan is pictured with Cllr Foster, the Reverend Tim Horobin (St James') and a group of the schoolchildren.



ROVERS STAR IS CHRISTMAS GUEST...



Rovers' star Michel Salgado joined a host of football legends for the recent 'Match Against Poverty'.

Michel teamed up with former Real Madrid team-mates Ronaldo, Luis Figo and Zinedine Zidane, as well as Didier Drogba, Pavel Nedved and former Rover Dwight Yorke for the game against an Allstar Hamburg XI.

The Legend's team won 5-4 and Michel even managed to get himself on the scoresheet!



Rovers were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of life-long fan Jimmy Robinson, who died last month, aged 86.

Jimmy, who had been a season ticket holder for over 50 years and was a close friend of the late Ronnie Clayton, was blind for most of his life and indebted to Jack Walker for the provision of the disabled area.

...AND DAVID IS EWOOD GUEST!

Rovers were joined by one of the world's most famous faces for our thrilling 4-2 victory over Swansea City last month.

American concert promoter and media personality David Gest, perhaps best known for his marriage to Liza Minnelli and friendship with Michael Jackson, was Paul Robinson's special guest at the game.

The former 'I'm A Celebrity' star has a house in York and he has formed a close friendship with the Rovers' goalkeeper over the past six months.



Not many Blackburn lads have come through the ranks and played professionally for Rovers.

Some are obvious, while others perhaps don't always get the recognition they deserve. Roy Isherwood falls into the second category.

Like me, Roy is a proud Blackburn lad who really felt he had got somewhere when he was invited to sign for Rovers back in the late '50s.

My friendship with Roy goes back to our schooldays when we played against each other, he for St Peter's and me for Blakey Moor.

We were both born in 1934, but I think he is just a few months older!

By the time he signed for Rovers, after a couple of years in the Lancashire Combination with Nelson, I was getting fairly established here at Ewood Park.

We were both right wingers and Roy was a very good player.

He made around 50 appearances and scored a few important goals, covering when I was unavailable and also playing on the flank when I got moved inside.

Roy was an astute chap who didn't want to finish his trade – he was a plumber – just because

he had got a full-time job in football ... he would do his training with us in the morning and then get on with his plumbing in the afternoons and I always admired him for that.

His wife, Jean, also ran a bakery shop in Griffin back then and the pies there were renowned!

Incidentally, Roy has a famous Rover as a son-in-law. Perhaps I should make this a quiz question, but, forget that, here's the answer –

Mick Rathbone!

Roy and I have remained good mates and I still see him regularly, both socially and at games at Ewood.

Because of the shortage of names beginning with the letter 'I', I have decided to throw in a few starting with 'J'.

Three Joneses for starters ... that excellent goalkeeper Roger, part of our Third Division championship team in 1974, another trusty goalkeeper Bob, who later played with me at Great Harwood, and a striker from Bury called George, a big strong boy who was quite a handful for defenders, but who enjoyed his best days at Gigg Lane where he scored bags of goals.

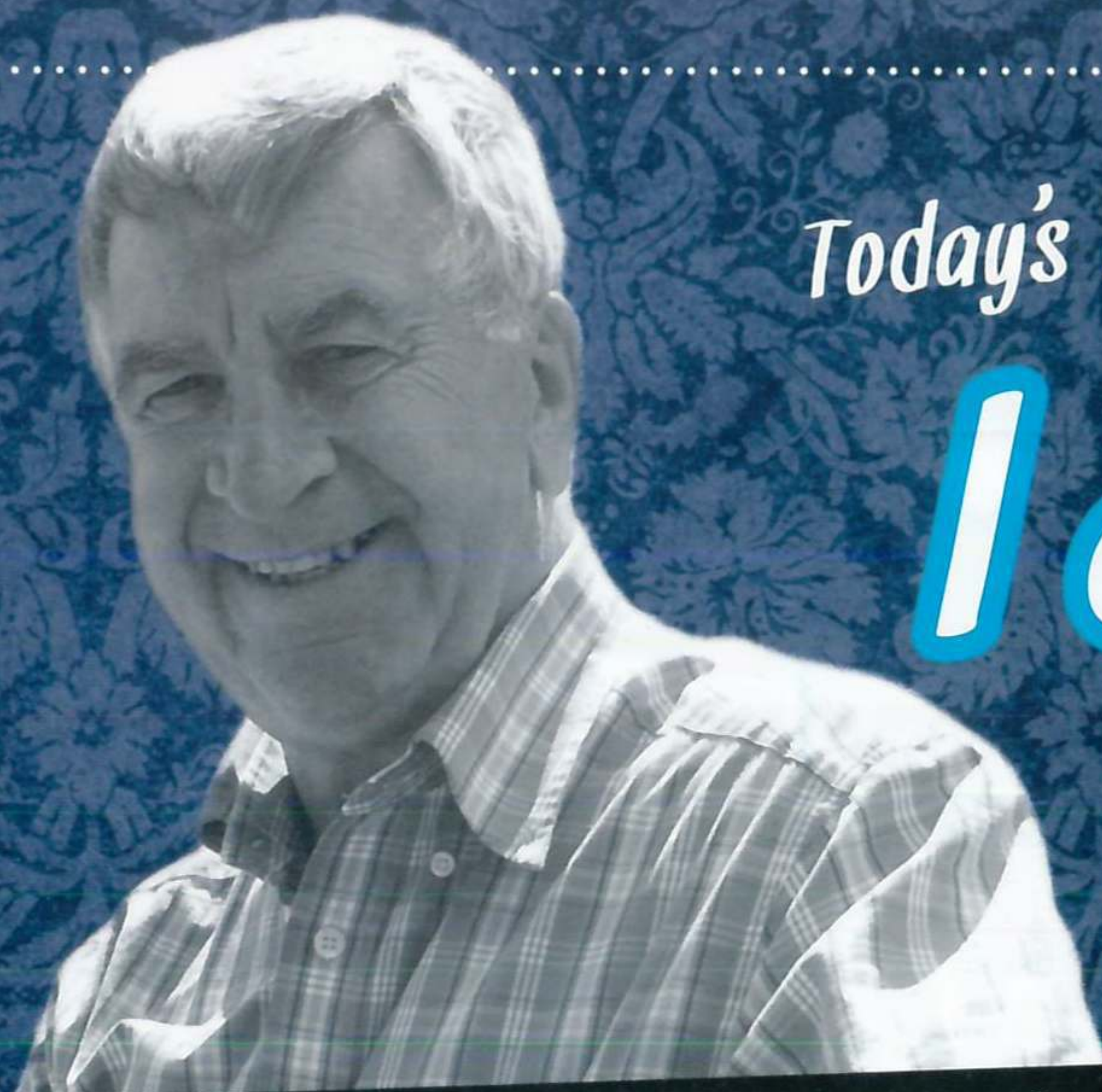
Talking of strikers, I had a lot of time for Matt Jansen during his spell with us, particularly the great memory of the League Cup triumph at Cardiff in 2002 when Matt scored our first goal against Spurs.

Matt was a crowd pleaser and a very talented player.

It was tragic to see his career cut short by a motor cycle accident just when he seemed on the verge of great things.

Tommy Johnson, who we signed from Leyton Orient (where they now have a stand named





Today's letter

I & J

Bryan Douglas' off-beat alphabet

A TO Z

in his honour), had a great season when we won promotion in 1957-58. His goals probably clinched promotion for us and he was quite a boy into the bargain.

Tommy did really well for us, scoring eight times in 11 appearances in the

run-in.

And, just to square the circle as they say, it is worth noting that in that same season Roy (Isherwood) also made his full Rovers' debut – and scored – in a 1-1 draw at home to Huddersfield.

Left Fans favourite Matt Jansen.

Right Roy Isherwood at Ewood Park recently.





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The pressure was also turned up high the last time we met Bolton Wanderers in a Barclays Premier League fixture here at Ewood Park eight months ago.

We were fighting for our safety back on that particular Saturday afternoon (April 30th), but managed to record a crucial victory thanks to a goal from Martin Olsson.

Unfortunately, Martin's injury means he won't be around to try to repeat the feat, but what we would all give for the same outcome in front of the television cameras tonight!



Brave young McCauley Riley attended our home date with West Bromwich Albion on Saturday and met with Rovers' star Steven Nzonzi pre-match to receive a ball signed by his favourite team.

McCauley, six, has been diagnosed with ALD which is a rare disorder that leads to progressive brain damage.

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James Entwistle from Leeds receiving his cheque for £700 after the West Brom game.

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 Winning name: P Hammond (York)



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17.12.11	082	M Goodman (Blackburn)

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

RYAN NELSEN

Ryan Nelsen is hurting and it has nothing to do with injury pain.

The Rovers' club captain has spoken of the helplessness he has felt while sitting on the sidelines, unable to influence matters on the pitch during a difficult period for his colleagues.

Ryan has played just once in the past eight months due to a troublesome knee injury, which he first sustained against Chelsea back in January.

The problem came to a head in a home draw against Birmingham in April, forcing Ryan to go under the surgeon's knife.

After spending the summer recuperating, Ryan returned in the second game of the season away to Aston Villa to help counter a defensive injury crisis, which had seen Steven Nzonzi kick off the campaign at centre back as cover for the absent Chris Samba and Gael Givet.

Despite making it through the 90 minutes, Ryan aggravated his old injury and has not featured since.

"Obviously it hasn't been a very good time at all," he said.

"It's very frustrating because I haven't really had very many injuries in my career and when you get towards the end of it, they seem to take a bit longer.



"Because of the early-season injuries, I played the Aston Villa game when I was really close, but unfortunately it put me back quite a lot.

"It's horrendous. I'm not very good watching from the sidelines.

"It's a lot easier when the team is winning, but when that is not the case it makes it even harder.

"Not being able to contribute hurts, it hurts a lot. Seeing the guys going through disappointment and knowing what it means when they lose, you feel for them.

"You feel for the fans and everyone involved.



Pictured Ryan in training.

“And it’s so horrible that you can’t really do anything to help remedy the situation.”

Whilst the Premier League table doesn’t make for kind viewing, Ryan insists the players remain positive that they can get out of the situation they find themselves in.

“You’re always monitored by results,” he added. “We’re in the results business, so it hasn’t been the best of starts to a season, but it can only get better and hopefully it will.

“In this industry there is always another game just around the corner.

“A win can be such a boost. You cannot start

feeling sorry for yourself, it’s just a bad mental state and you can’t afford to get in there.

“So you’ve got to be positive. The manager’s been very positive and the players have always tried to look on the bright side of things and hopefully it helps get results.”

One clear positive so far this season has been the number of goals the team has scored.

Rovers are the highest scorers in the bottom half of the table with 23, but are second only to tonight’s visitors Bolton for the most goals conceded with 36.

And Ryan insists that it is

our failure to keep the back door shut which sees us in the position we are now.

“We’ve scored a lot of goals, but we have conceded far too many and we know that,” he said.

“In the Premier League, everybody gets excited about goals and assists and tricks and flashes, because it’s such a popular league, but the brutal reality is if you keep clean sheets then you’ll stay in this league.

“Unfortunately that’s the ugly part of the game and nobody really likes talking about it, but it’s what gets you points.

“Unfortunately we haven’t



had a clean sheet this season and that's what's killing us."

Rovers have also been guilty of throwing away points from winning positions – with the 3-3 draw at Norwich and recent 2-1 defeat at Sunderland the perfect case in points. However, Ryan admits the team can take plenty of encouragement from the way they have played and acknowledges that just a fine line separates success from failure.

"It can be a very gut-wrenching thing, but it can also be a positive as well, because we've been in a position where we can win those games and maybe if we'd tweaked a little thing or did something a

bit different or held out, we could be in a very positive position tonight.

"So the signs are all there. You can throw statistics all day – that's why we stay positive, because they're there in front of us.

"The mood in the dressing room is fine. Everybody knows we need to start winning back-to-back games, not just once every few games, to put a run together.

"Everybody knows that if you win back-to-back in this league and if you do that a few times, it's huge.

"The dressing room fully understands the need for positive results.

Above Ryan in his only appearance so far this term.

"Everybody's sticking together and we know there's still a long way to go in the season, but we have to get moving."

Rovers are presented with an opportunity for three points tonight, as bottom-of-the-table Bolton are the visitors to Ewood Park.

Ryan expects the encounter to be a real 'Christmas cracker', with so much at stake for both clubs.

"At this stage of the season, with the position that we're in, I think every home game, no matter who you're playing, you've got to look to win," he added.

"It just has to be a positive result. A win against Bolton

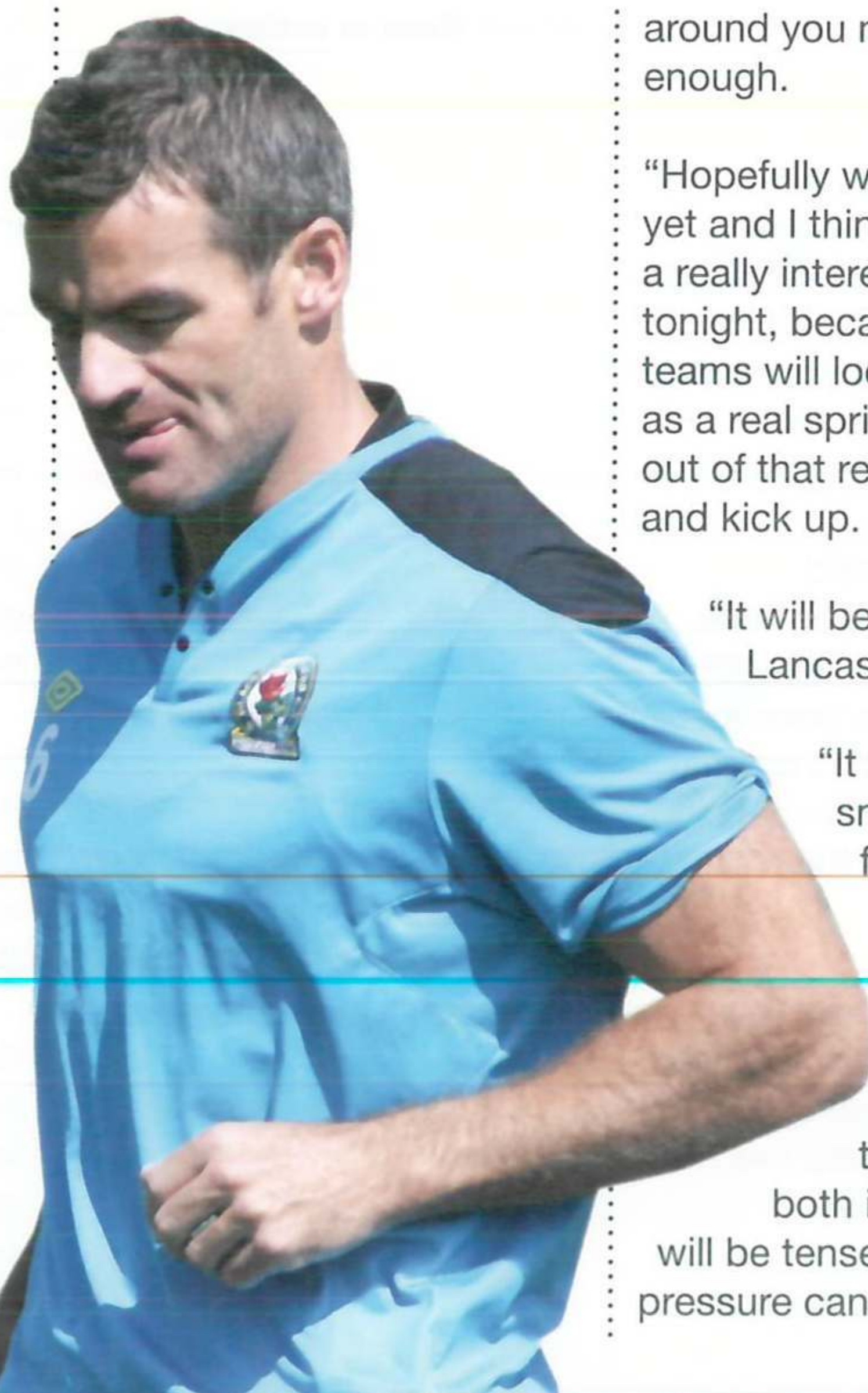


would be amazing, but we've dug our hole and we've put ourselves in that position. Obviously you can't be silly and go gung-ho, but we need to get wins.

"But when you look at teams like Bolton, they'll now look at our predicament and the pressure that we'll be under and they'll think that they can get points here as well.

"So it's a precarious position. Bolton though are in the same predicament and they too will be desperate for a win.

"You start to get to a stage where a point at home against teams



around you might not be enough.

"Hopefully we're not there yet and I think it will be a really interesting game tonight, because both teams will look at the game as a real springboard to get out of that relegation league and kick up.

"It will be a typical Lancashire derby.

"It could be snowing and freezing cold and both sets of fans will be tense, because of the positions that we are both in. The players will be tense too but that pressure can sometimes

work for you.

"It will be a really pressure-cooked game, but it could be very entertaining."

Whilst admitting that Bolton have a talented team, Ryan says that he is not surprised to see Owen Coyle's side in the position that they are in given their own long-term injuries to key players.

"Injuries are always a massive factor, just look at us, and Bolton have suffered.

"Bolton have a strong squad but, again like us, they cannot be expected to carry a long injury list and it not to affect things.

"This league's so brutal and



it's minor percentages that can make the difference between being 19th and being 10th.

"You see their injury list and you may say 'well, that's why then, that explains it'.

"However, that is what happens in football.

"Every year, with every club in the league and with every sport in the world.

"We all go through it and you can't feel sorry for yourselves.

"Unfortunately you can't look to the future and see who's going to be injured or in which position.

"That's just life, that's just the trade that we're in and

you've just got to put up with it.

"You're in that position because you're in that position and there's nobody else to blame except yourselves, so it just makes the game even more important."

With a large crowd expected at Ewood Park, Ryan hopes the fans get right behind the team for the full 90 minutes in what could be a season-defining game for Steve Kean's side.

"The fans are more than welcome to say what they feel - that has always been the case and I've no problem with that.

"But for 90 minutes I just

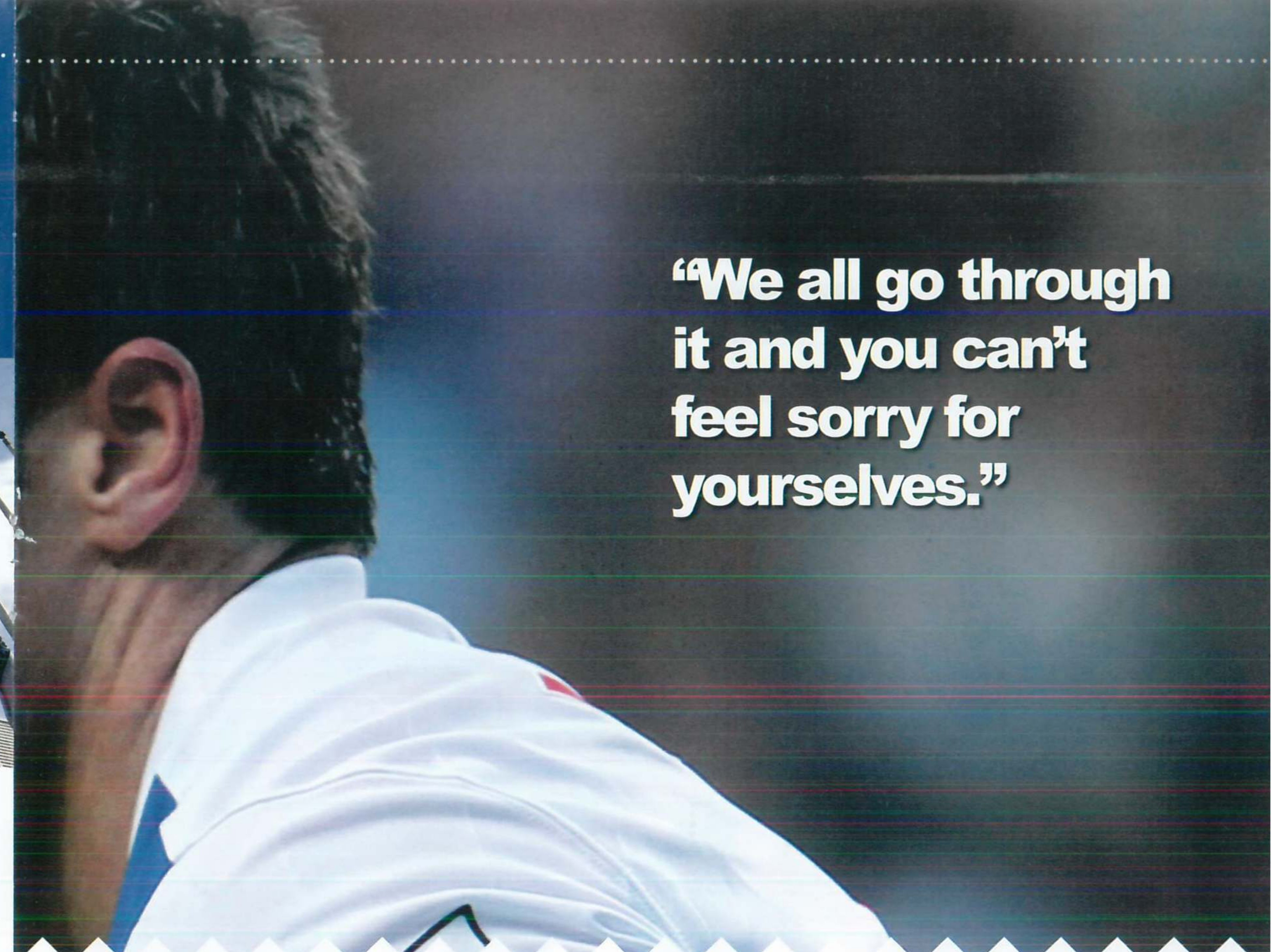
Above *Ryan in action.*

hope that every one of them gets behind the team with vocal backing. Support is massive and can make the difference.

"We need to win and we need everybody to support the club. Once the final whistle's blown, if they want to have their opinion then so be it, but we just need everybody behind us to help get through this one.

"Hopefully we'll send them home happy and the boys are really focused and really motivated to try and do that."

As for the New Zealander himself, he hopes to be available for selection very soon. He has come through two behind-closed-door friendlies and is looking



“We all go through it and you can’t feel sorry for yourselves.”

forward to offering his services on the pitch – rather than in the dressing room.

“I’ve had a couple of run-outs behind closed doors, which has been really enjoyable and really good, so hopefully I can get back and start yelling at some youngsters again!

“It’s hard to play a role off the pitch, because the guys are in their own mental state and they want to motivate themselves.

“And to be fair, if you need somebody to go in there to talk to you and to motivate you to play in the Premier League then you’re probably in the wrong business, so there’s not really much I can do.”



NELSEN'S FACTFILE

Name: Ryan Nelsen

Date of birth: 18/10/1977

Nationality: New Zealander

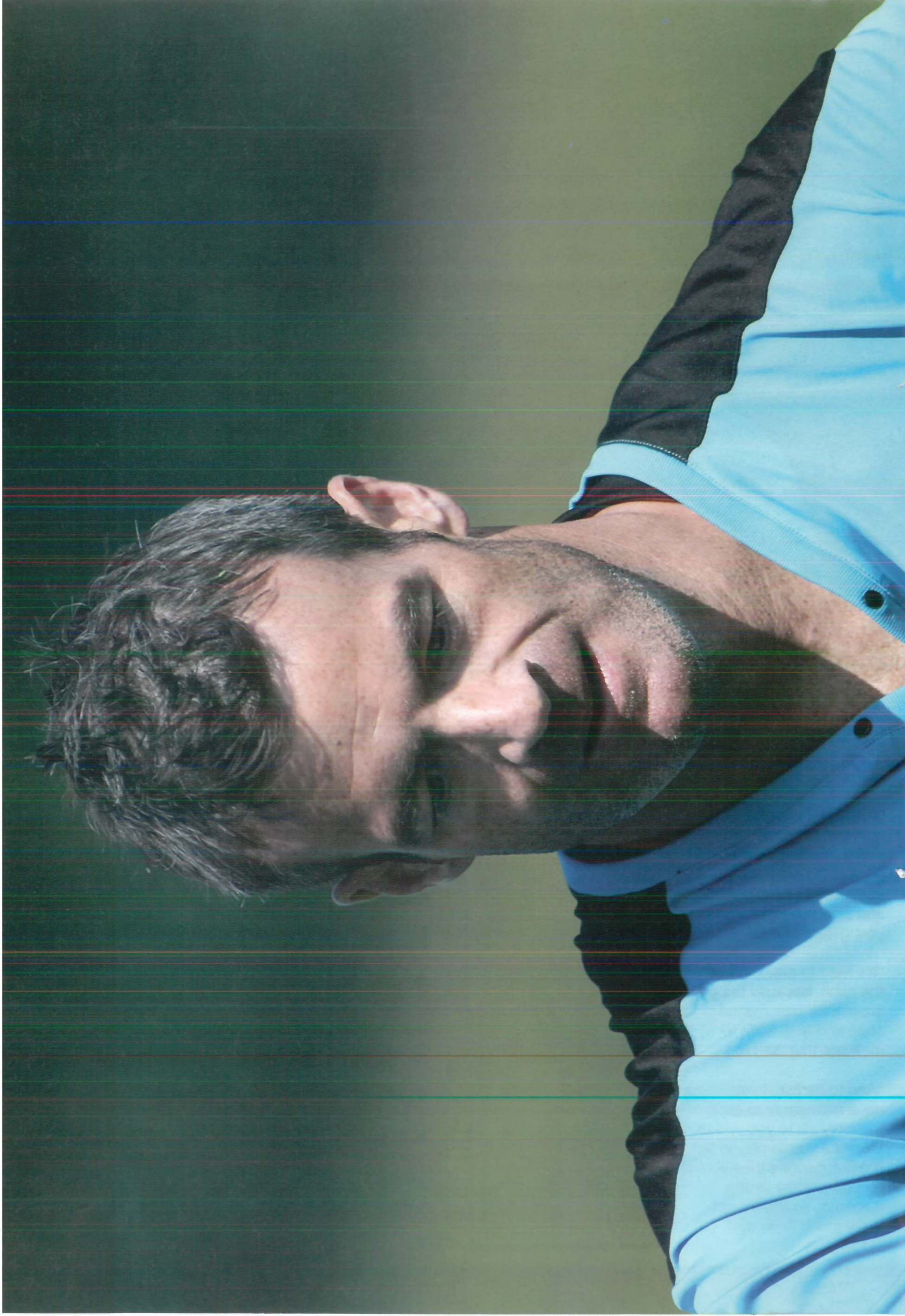
Position: Defender

Rovers debut: 15/01/2005 Portsmouth (PL)

Former clubs: Christchurch United, Greensboro College.

International caps: 45 (6 goals)

Honours: On December 31st 2010, as part of the 2011 New Year's Honours, Ryan was named an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for his services to football.



RYAN NELSEN



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BOX OFFICE



LIVERPOOL

Barclays Premier League, Monday December 26th, 3pm, Anfield

Prices are adults £44, juniors (aged 16 and under) £15, seniors (over 65's) £33. Tickets are now on sale to season ticket holders. It is one ticket per season ticket holder. Any remaining tickets will go on sale on Wednesday.



MANCHESTER UNITED

Barclays Premier League, Saturday December 31st, 12.45pm, Old Trafford

Prices are adults £43, seniors (over 65s) £24, 16-17 year olds £24 and juniors (under 16s) £15. It is one ticket per season ticket holder.



STOKE CITY

Barclays Premier League, Monday January 2nd, 3pm, Ewood Park

Tickets are on sale now.



NEWCASTLE UNITED

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* When buying junior tickets, please carry proof of age with you to the game.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

During the week and on non match days the main ticket office will operate from the Roverstore at the Blackburn End. You can now buy your tickets and merchandise in one transaction. Due to demands on a match day the main ticket office will **reopen for business at least 2.5 hours prior to kick off**, unless otherwise stated. The Roverstore will now be open from 9am until 5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. And 9.30am until 5.30pm on Wednesdays.

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Adult £13

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Senior £11

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Blackburn End, Ewood: 12.30pm

Man Utd Dec 31st, 2011

Adult £12

Junior £10

Senior £10

Boars Head, Accrington: 10am

Blackburn End, Ewood: 10.30am

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Important announcement for all supporters who use the club's official away travel service:- Blackburn Rovers announce that they do not allow children under the age of 16 years of age to travel unaccompanied to away matches on our official away travel coaches. This is consistent with policies adopted by the vast majority of premier league clubs. Therefore, children under the age of 16 wishing to travel must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18 years. Coach tickets must be purchased by the adult who must also present their match ticket at the time of purchase. Supporters should also note that they may be required to produce proof of age when booking away travel.

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Sun 25th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon 26th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tue 27th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	11am – 4pm
Wed 28th Dec	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	8.30am – 5.30pm
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Fri 30th Dec	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	8.30am – 5.30pm
Sat 31st Dec	10am – 4pm	10am – 2pm	8.30am – 4pm
Sun 1st Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
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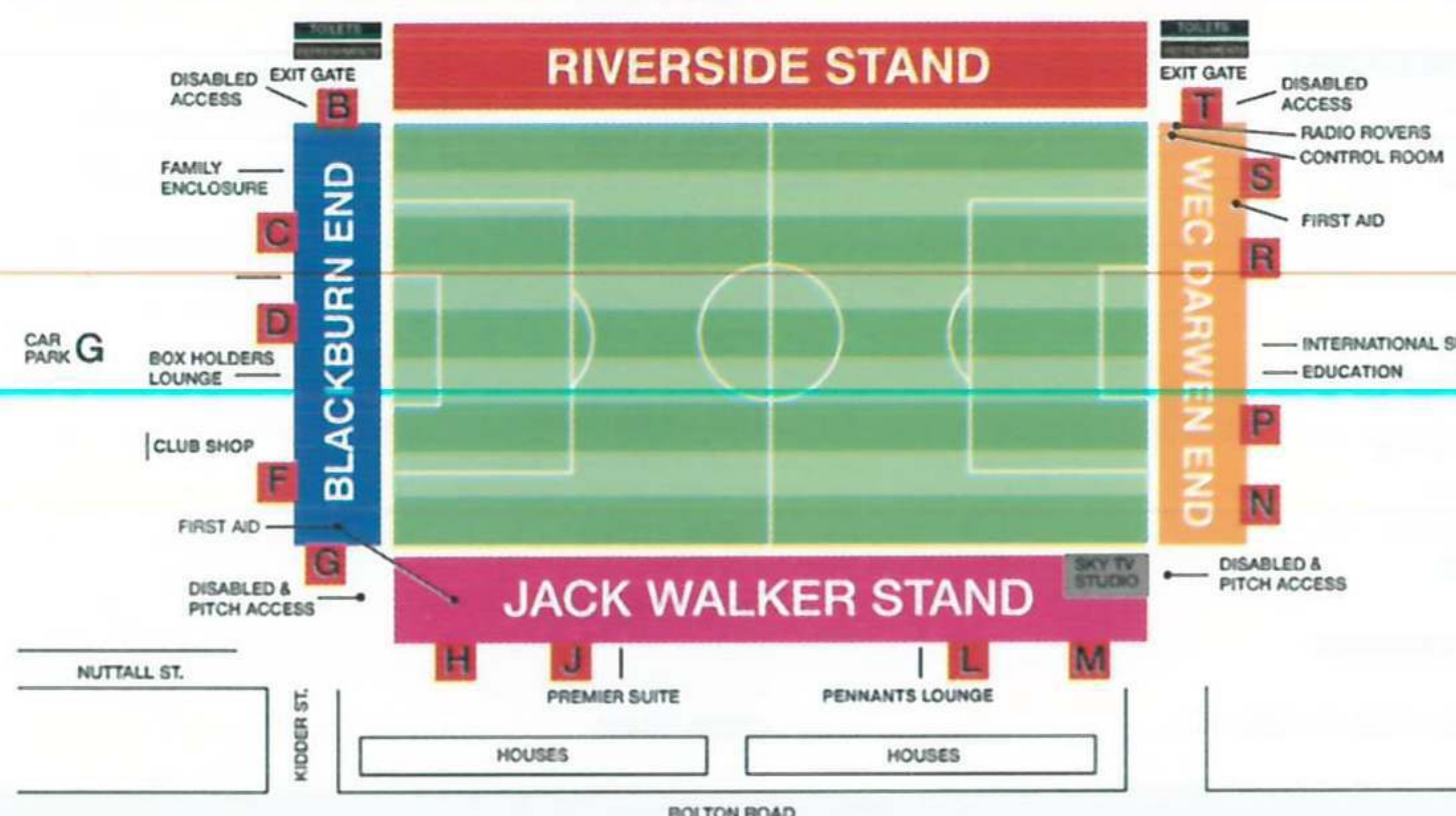
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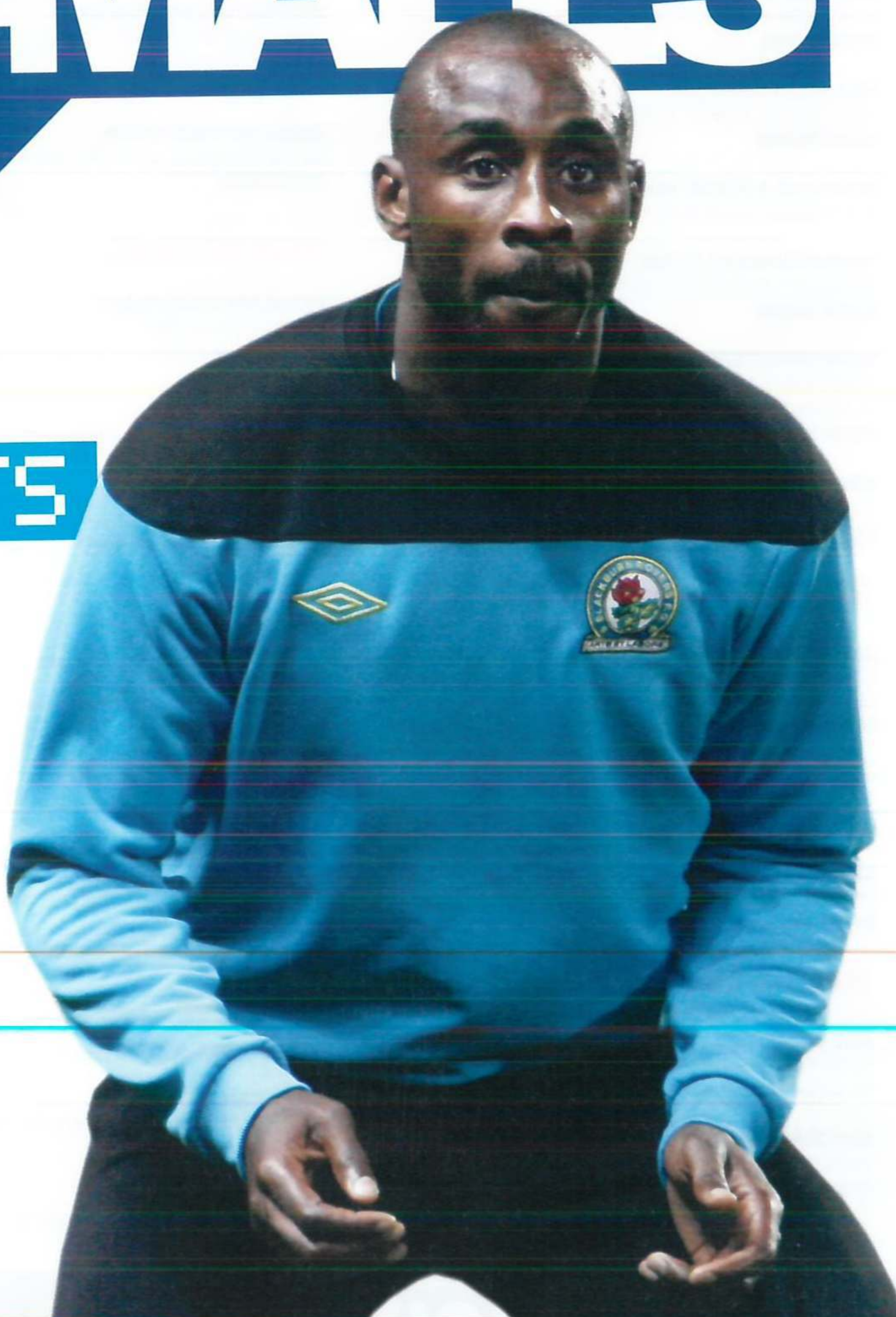
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Jason, if you weren't a footballer, what would you be? (Yunus Kazi, Blackburn)

Well, before I became a professional footballer I was an exports clerk and I used to play football at the weekends for Hayes. I've had quite a few jobs actually, but I think I probably would have continued in that job. I wasn't very good at it, but there was a good bunch of people who I worked with, who I still speak to now, so possibly an exports clerk.

Do you believe that the club's owners will prove a certain section of our supporters wrong by being a long-term success here at Rovers? (Chris Knowles, Rishton)

I certainly hope so. I think

Above Jason in action.

that's the key thing – I hope that's the situation. I think it's important for us to progress on the pitch. It's going to mean that we have to invest in the squad and invest in the club and the local area. Everything I've heard from the owners has been positive and I have to take them on their word and believe what they say.

Is it frustrating not getting into the starting eleven each week? (Danny Cunliffe, Blackburn)

Always frustrating! I think in the modern game, players understand that there is rotation and players are played in different games. In the time I've been at Blackburn, I've never really played as much as I would have liked. But I certainly take pride in the games

that I have played and my goalscoring record when I have started games (24 goals in 73 Premier League starts for Rovers). As a striker, especially one that hasn't played right the way through a season, all you can do when you come in, is you try to perform well and add something to the team and put the team first. And I'd like to think I've always done that. So it is frustrating, but there'll be better players than me sitting on benches all over the Premier League this Saturday.

Do you see a media career as your primary job once you retire? (Tom Heywood)

I don't know. I've always been told that sometimes it's how other people



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see you, not how you see yourself. Certainly media is something that I really enjoy. I'm doing my coaching badges at the moment and I have other things which will hopefully keep me in football, but certainly media is one of the things I'm investigating and I'm enjoying being part of it at the moment.

J-Rob. I rate you highly and admire the physical element that you bring to our game. A lot of strikers nowadays are famed for their ability to 'look for the contact' and go down far too easily, but I'm glad to say that you are not one of them. That said, as muscle clad front man, who can bench more in the gym, you or the Yak? (Roger White, Manchester)

(Jason laughs!) You know, I've never seen the Yak pick a weight up! And we played together a long time ago and he never did any weights then! He's just a natural specimen and certainly one of the best goalscorers I've ever played with. And I'm not just saying that because of current form. I've always said that and when people asked me who would be a good signing for us before the start of the season, I said Yakubu. His goalscoring record is outstanding and I think he's showing that now. And I'm surprised that people are surprised at how well he's done. If you look at his goalscoring record, there

aren't many better strikers in the box than him.

Hi Jason. Every time I see you play it's evident just how strong you are holding the ball up against even the biggest defenders. Do you still spend a lot of time strength building in the gym? Or are you at that stage now where your aim is to just maintain the power and strength you have built up over the years? (Chris Baker, Somerset)



For me personally and my body, I have to maintain it. But a lot of it is down to technique and you try to work on that. It's about timing. I work with some of the younger lads to try to help

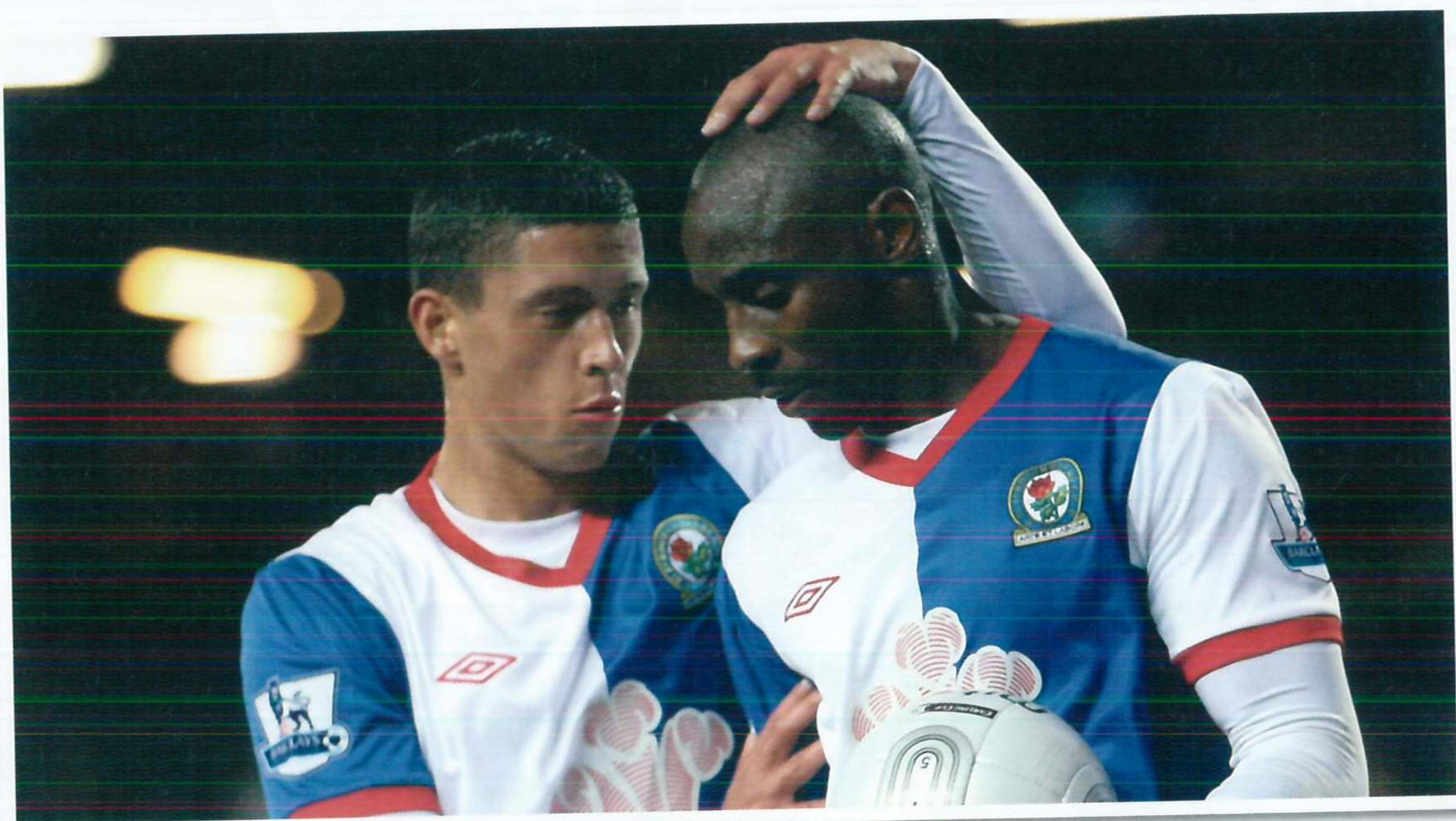
them and show them how it's done. But of course, you've always got to work and there's elements of my game that I work on and that I need to work on. And being in the gym is certainly an important part of my game.

Are you feeling under pressure, with Rovers at the wrong end of the table? (Damion Hart, Blackburn)

I think players feel pressure because they want to do well themselves for their club. Whenever I've played for a club at any level, I've always felt pressure, because you want to do justice to yourself and to your team. There is a certain element of pressure being down amongst the bottom five or six, like we found out last season. But I think that's when you find out about yourself. Football's a very easy game when things are going well – you turn up, kick a ball about and it's very, very easy. You only really find out about people when things get harder. I've always liked to think that when things have been going hard in my career and certainly at Blackburn Rovers, I've been the first person to stand up and be counted.

Who do you have a laugh with most at the training ground? (Kris Roberts, 19, Swansea)

Obviously Dunny is a big character and a big part of the dressing room. People



like Vince Grella and Keith Andrews, while he was here, are also big personalities and people who drive the dressing room on. Paul Robinson as well, and Jordan Slew is someone who we have a lot of fun with!

What is your favourite piece of football or sports memorabilia? (Faye Fox, Lesbury)

I don't really keep any memorabilia. I'm not one for swapping shirts or keeping any of the things I've received, because while you're still in it, you're always trying to look for the next one. Hopefully I have a couple more things to achieve in my career and at the end I'll look back and

Above Celebrating his penalty against Leyton Orient.

Left Jason after scoring against Fulham

look at it in that way.

What is the best goal you have ever scored and what is your favourite or most treasured goal? (John Hacking, Blackburn)

I couldn't pick one. There are probably three or four. My first goal in professional football for Torquay was massive for me, because I was thinking I would be on my way back to non-league football. Without that, I don't think I'd be anywhere. Certainly my goal against Reading on the last day of the season for Wigan to be promoted was a huge goal. But where Blackburn are concerned, the two goals that stand out for me were the goal against

Fulham when Big Sam first came. We found ourselves in a tough situation and I think I played really well in that period and I think that helped us get out of the relegation problem we were in. And certainly the goal against Wolves on the final day of last season. It was a massive game and I don't think I've ever felt more pressure. If I had to pick one goal, that would be up there, because to perform in a game like that, under that sort of pressure, I don't think there's a bigger game in football than a game to stay in the Premier League. Scoring a goal – which I meant by the way, for anyone who thinks I didn't mean it! – was a huge goal for me and everyone here.

SCOTT'S JOY...





Scott Dann tasted the highs and lows of life as a Premier League footballer at the weekend.

The big defender scored Rovers' equaliser against West Bromwich Albion on Saturday - his first goal for the club - and injured himself in the process, before watching in dismay as a precious point was snatched away with Albion's last-gasp winner.

He was named man-of-the-match, but had no sooner collected his award than the pain in his groin injury increased to the extent that he was rushed to hospital for an operation.

Scott will now be sidelined for up to six weeks - another devastating injury blow for Rovers given the continuing absence of Ryan Nelsen, Gael Givet, Michel Salgado and Martin Olsson.

...**AND DESPAIR**

ROVERS ACADEMY

Focus on young star Matty Urwin

Under 18 Premier Academy League 2011-12 Fixtures

August

Sat 20	Southampton (H)	D 1-1
Sat 27	MK Dons (A)	L 2-3

September

Sat 3	Sunderland (H)	W 3-1
Sat 10	Barnsley (A)	L 1-3
Sat 17	Sheffield United (H)	W 2-0
Sat 24	Manchester United (H)	W 3-2

October

Sat 1	Liverpool (A)	W 2-1
Sat 8	Crewe Alexandra (H)	W 2-0
Sat 15	Stoke City (A)	D 4-4
Sat 29	Bolton (H)	W 2-1

November

Sat 5	Manchester City (A)	W 4-2
Sat 12	Wolves (H)	L 1-2
Sat 19	Everton (H)	L 3-4

December

Sat 3	West Brom (A)	P - P
Mon 5	Thurrock (Ewood) FA 3	W 8-0
Sat 10	Stoke City (H)	W 1-0
Sat 17	Bolton (A)	P - P

January

Sat 7	Manchester City (H)	11:00
Sat 14	Wolves (A)	11:00
Sat 21	Everton (A)	11:00
Sat 28	West Brom (H)	12:00

February

Sat 11	Manchester United (A)	11:00
Sat 18	Liverpool (H)	11:00
Sat 25	Crewe Alexandra (A)	11:00

March

Sat 3	Derby County (H)	12:00
Sat 10	Huddersfield Town (A)	11:00
Sat 17	Middlesbrough (H)	12:00
Sat 31	Leeds United (A)	11:00

April

Sat 21	Nottingham Forest (A)	12:30
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FA 3 - FA Youth Cup third round

Matty Urwin one day dreams of following in Paul Robinson's footsteps as a first-choice goalkeeper for both Rovers and England.

The talented teenager, who kept a clean sheet in the Under-18s' recent FA Youth Cup clash against Thurrock at Ewood Park, has also been a regular for the Reserves this season.

The Blackpool-born stopper believes that training with Rovers' senior goalkeeping group is playing a major part in his progress as a player and will hopefully help him to achieve his ambitions.

"Training with the likes of Paul Robinson, Mark Bunn and Bobby Mimms is great experience and it can only benefit me," said Matty. "They give me advice on all the main aspects of goalkeeping – positioning, footwork etc, and it's helping me out a great deal.

"Robbo is a fantastic goalkeeper. He's great to work with and he's someone I can aim to aspire to be like. The first time I trained with him, I was a bit star-struck, but that was a few years ago now. I'm used to it now and I enjoy their company."

"They played a few pranks on me on my 18th birthday – I'll probably keep it to myself what they were – but I got away reasonably unscathed!



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MATTY URWIN

"I think the banter between us is quite a big part of it. I think if they didn't like me, they wouldn't be doing that sort of thing, so it's a bit of fun really – maybe not for me, but a lot for them!

"I'm not really expecting to be involved in Blackburn's first team for a few years, but I'll just keep grafting away and you never know."

Matty has been in fine form for the Academy and Reserves this season and international recognition may not be too far away. The confident shot-stopper has been on two stand-by lists, for England's Under-17s and Under-19s, and hopes his performances at club level don't go unnoticed.

"I was on standby for the

Under-19s last month for a game against Denmark and the Under-17s was a few years ago. That was great, because being so young and being in love with your country, it was a great feeling to know that you're liked and respected by your country.

"I went on a training camp, just with the goalkeepers and that went really well. I was hoping for a few more call-ups, but they didn't really come. I'm still working hard and hopefully I'll get a few more.

"The fact that I was on standby again last month, it shows that I'm still in their thoughts."

Matty joined the club from home-town team Foxhall Juniors at the age of eight. He has risen through the ranks and played a starring role in Rovers' Lancashire Senior Cup success against

Preston at the start of the season.

With Jake Kean out on loan, he has had a handful of Reserve team games under his belt and recently returned to the Academy for the start of their FA Youth Cup campaign.

"I've really enjoyed my start to the season and I feel it's gone very well. "Hopefully I can get a few more Reserve team games. "At the start of the season, it was good to be involved in the Lancashire Cup win.

"I had an inkling that Jake would go out on loan and it has worked out well for me in terms of a few Reserve team games

"The Youth Cup was a great experience. All the lads were really up for it and they were very good on the night, with the 8-0 victory, so I was

happy keeping the clean sheet.

"Last season I was ill for the first FA Youth Cup game, but played against Leicester. And the year before that, as an under-16, I was on the bench all the way through. It was my first competitive game there and it's a nice stadium to play at, so it was very enjoyable.

"I like playing at big stadiums. I loved Stamford Bridge and Carrow Road was a good one too, because there was over 1,000 people present, but I would probably say my highlight the Lancashire Cup final win against Preston.

"I think we've got a very good team. Ryan (Edwards) is really tight at the back and wins most of his headers. We've got good attacking options, with John O'Sullivan and Yammy (Osayamen Osawe).

"We're a dangerous side going forward and I think we can go very far in the competition, depending what draws we get, but I don't think we should be scared of anybody because the lads have done really well in the league this season."

As well as his team-mates, Matty insists that his family have played a pivotal role in his fledgling career: "I drive home quite a lot. My family like to see me and I'm very close to my mum and my grandma, and they're proud of what I'm doing.

"As a youngster, it was mainly my mum, my stepdad, my granddad and my grandma who watched me play. Unfortunately my granddad passed away and he was the main influence in my football career, so he's the one who spurs me on to do better and better - I think of him every day."



Home draw for Academy

Rovers' Under-18s have been drawn at home in the fourth round of the FA Youth Cup.

Terry McPhillips' side, who overcame non-league Thurrock 8-0 in the third round, will play the winner of Bristol Rovers vs. Coventry City at Ewood Park.

The two sides were due to face each other at the Memorial Stadium yesterday afternoon.

The fourth round tie has to be played by Saturday January 21st, 2012.

The draw in full:

Bolton v Southampton
 Charlton v Leicester City
 Cardiff City v Stevenage
 Tottenham Hotspur
 QPR v Everton
 Reading v West Brom
 Stoke City v Brentford
 Burnley v Ipswich Town
 Rovers v Bristol Rovers
 Coventry City
 Swindon v Man City
 Nottingham Forest v Wigan
 Norwich City v Chelsea
 Portsmouth v Swansea
 Man United v Derby
 Newcastle v Watford
 West Ham v Brighton
 Peterborough v Fulham

MY FAVOURITES

Football team (as a youngster) – **Blackpool**

Holiday destination – **Cyprus**

Food – **Chicken**

Football ground – **Bloomfield Road**

Player – **Peter Schmeichel**

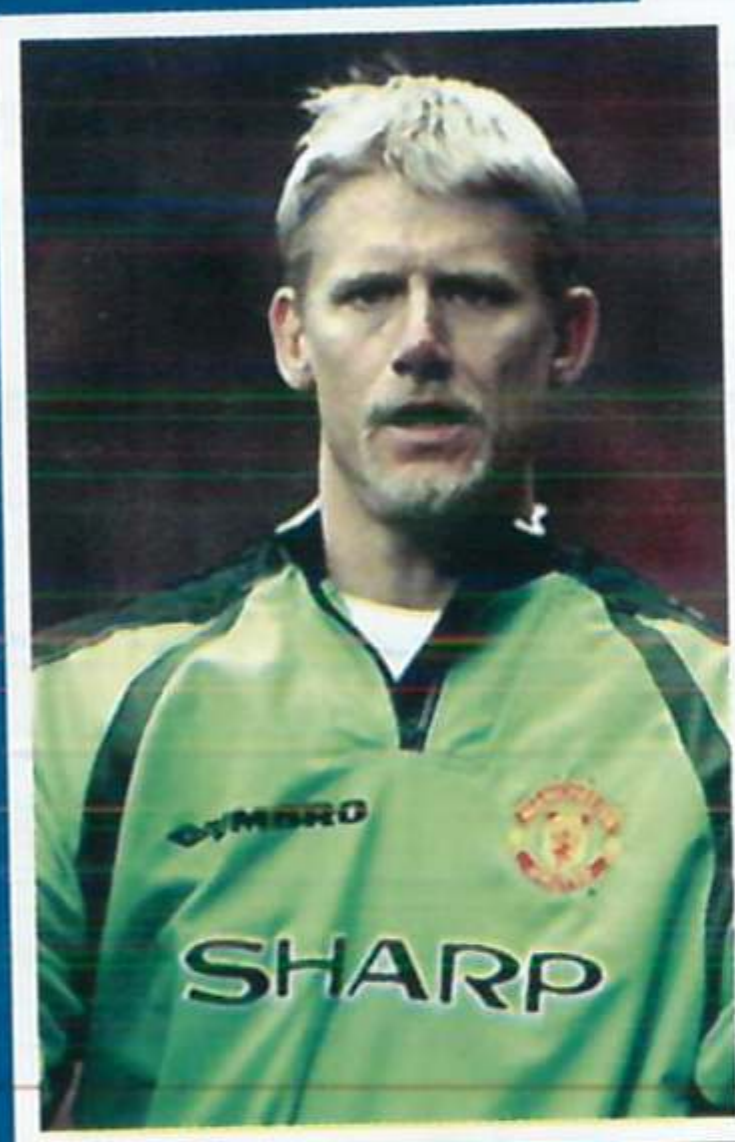
Music (artist or group) – **Drake**

Hobby (outside of football) – **Basketball or relaxing with friends**

Film – **In Time**

Gadget – **iPhone 4S**

Football moment – **Being on standby for England.**



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ROVERS RESERVES

Barclays Premier Reserve League North 2011-12 Fixtures

August

Tue 16	Norwich City (A)	D 0-0
Mon 22	Aston Villa (H)	D 0-0
Tue 30	Chelsea (A)	D 1-1

September

Mon 12	Wolves (H)	L 2-3
Mon 26	Arsenal (A)	L 0-1

October

Thu 20	Manchester Utd (A)	D 0-0
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November

Tue 1	Sunderland (A)	L 0-2
Mon 7	Liverpool (H)	D 0-0
Tue 15	Bolton (H)	L 1-2
Tue 22	Wigan Athletic (A)	D 0-0

December

Thurs 22	Man Utd (H) LSC QF	14:00
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January

Mon 9	Sunderland (H)	19:00
Mon 16	Everton (H)	19:00
Tue 24	Liverpool (A)	14:00

February

Mon 6	Everton (A)	13:00
Mon 13	Wigan Athletic (H)	19:00
Tue 21	Bolton (A)	19:00
Tue 28	Newcastle Utd (A)	14:00

March

Mon 12	Manchester Utd (H)	19:00
Mon 19	Swansea City (H)	14:00
Mon 26	Newcastle Utd (H)	19:00

April

Tue 3	West Brom (A)	13:00
Mon 16	Fulham (H)	19:00

LSC - Lancashire Senior Cup

Loan star Micah Evans is revelling in his role as a first team regular at Accrington Stanley.

The tricky and hard-working winger, who can also play up front, has made four appearances during his month-long loan, which looks set to be extended until the end of the season.

"I'm enjoying it a lot," he said. "I'm having a good time there, especially with playing on a Saturday.

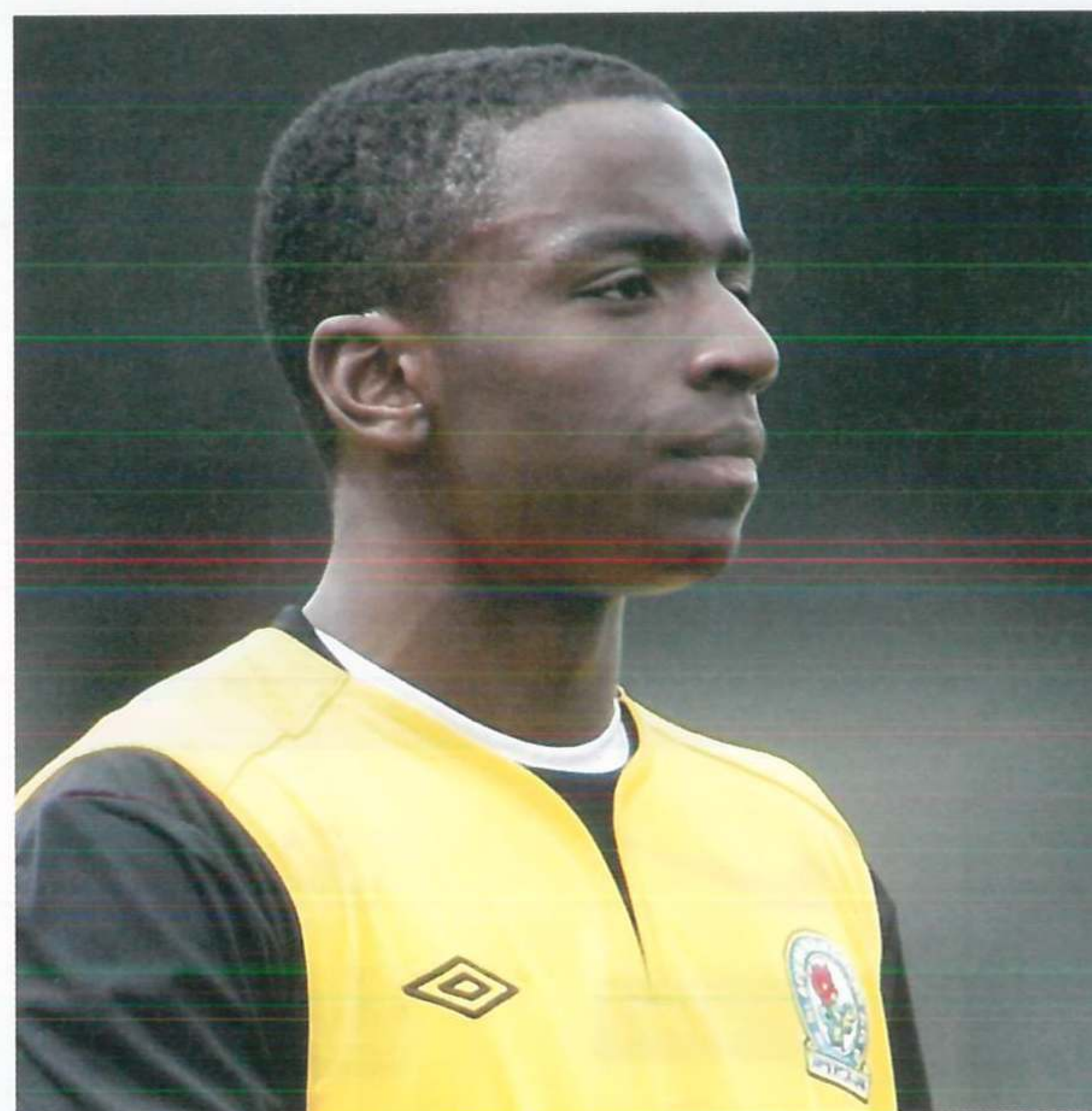
"I think the gaffer's pleased with what I've done in a month. He's happy to keep me there and I'm happy to be there.

"It's a different experience to Reserve team football – mainly the intensity in which the games are played.

"It's a bigger challenge and a bigger step up, playing in front of a bigger crowd and it means more to the players, because everyone wants the three points.

"The players have been great. As soon as I got there, I settled in straight away and I felt comfortable and I think that's helped with my performances."

Micah made an immediate impression at the Crown Ground – scoring less than five minutes into his league debut in a 2-1 win over



Bristol Rovers.

"I couldn't believe it at first," he said. "But it has certainly helped. First game and to score early doors, all your nerves just go away.

"I felt that I started off well. I had a good second game. I had a dip in my third, but my last game against Dagenham & Redbridge was one of my best.

"I then injured my ankle in a friendly game against Fleetwood, but I should hopefully be back in a couple of weeks.

"For the rest of the season, I definitely want to score a few more goals and hopefully we can get in a

play-off spot, so we'll see how it goes from there."

Whilst Micah insists a regular run of games is invaluable for his progression as a player, he also believes his spell with the League Two club will benefit him off the pitch.

"You don't realise how good you've got it until you go to a League Two club like Accrington, where there's not a lot of money," he said.

"But all the players still enjoy their football and I think it's good. It shows you a different side to football and one that a lot of people don't really get to see. It's character building."

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ROVERS LADIES

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Premier League Northern Division 2011-12 Fixtures

August

Sun 21 Manchester City (A) W 3-1
Sun 28 Sporting Club Albion (H) D 1-1

September

Sun 4 Rochdale AFC (H) W 4-1
Sun 11 Leicester City (A) W 4-2
Sun 18 Derby County (H) D 2-2
Sun 25 Preston (A) L 1-2

October

Sun 2 Sheffield FC (A) L 0-2
Sun 9 Rotherham United (H) W 2-1
Sun 16 Blackpool (A) LC2 W 4-3
Sun 23 Manchester City (H) P - P
Sun 30 Sporting Club Albion (A) L 1-3

November

Sun 6 Rochdale AFC (A) D 1-1
Sun 13 Leicester City (H) D 1-1
Sun 20 Preston (A) LC QF W 1-0
Sun 27 Preston (H) W 2-1

December

Sun 4 Sheffield FC (H) P - P
Sun 11 Rotherham United (A) W 3-2
Sun 18 Leeds City Vixens (H) P - P

January

Sun 8 Rochdale (A) FAWC2 13:00
Sun 15 Padliham (A) LC SF 14:00
LC - Lancashire Cup

Two Rovers players have been called up by England Women's Under-19s.

Goalkeeper Jasmine Elliott and midfielder Lizzie Ince have been included in a 30-player squad for a home training camp, which will take place between 22nd-26th January 2012.

Reserve team midfielder Katy Morris has been placed on standby for the training camp.

Meanwhile, fellow goalkeeper Kystal Parker has been nominated for Team GB Women's Olympic Football team.

Krystal has had her name put forward to the British Olympic Association (BOA) to be part of the 'accreditation long-list' of available players



from which head coach Hope Powell will select her final squad in July 2012.

The 'long-list' will be shortened in March, with the final squad announced at the beginning of July. The tournament commences on July 25th, running potentially through to August 9th.

Hope Powell said: "I believe next year's Olympic football tournament is a unique opportunity. A chance to play in an international football tournament in this country and be part of this nation's proudest sporting moment for a generation. It is one that I am incredibly excited about and I very much hope this is an excitement you share."

Sunday's game at home to Leeds City Vixens was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Rovers Ladies return to action in the New Year with an FA Women's Cup second round tie away to Rochdale on Sunday January 8th.

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

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Answers: **SPOT THE DIFFERENCE** - Dann's ear is missing. Pedersen has appeared next to Salgado. Vukcevic is looking up rather than down, 'F' is missing in Formica. Salgado's Premier League badge is missing. Formica's sleeve is clean, the 8 on Dunn's shorts has moved to Samba's. Vukcevic's Umbro badge is missing. Lowe has a tooth missing and a fan on the right is wearing a Santa hat
QUIZ - 1. Martin Olsson. 2. Crystal Palace. 3. Doncaster Rovers. 4. Glasgow Rangers. 5. Liverpool. 6. Two. 7. Newcastle. 8. Irish. 9. Leeds United. 10. Southampton.
SPOT THE BALL - The real ball is B.

1) Who scored the winner the last time Rovers met Bolton?

2) Which club did Matt Jansen join Rovers from?

3) Which Championship club did El-Hadji Diouf (pictured) recently join?

4) Aside from Rovers, with which other club did Colin Hendry win a league title?

5) With which club did former Rovers favourite David Thompson begin his

career?

6) How many caps did Stuart Ripley win for England?

7) Which team did Sam Allardyce manage between spells with Bolton and Rovers?

8) What nationality is Jason McAteer?

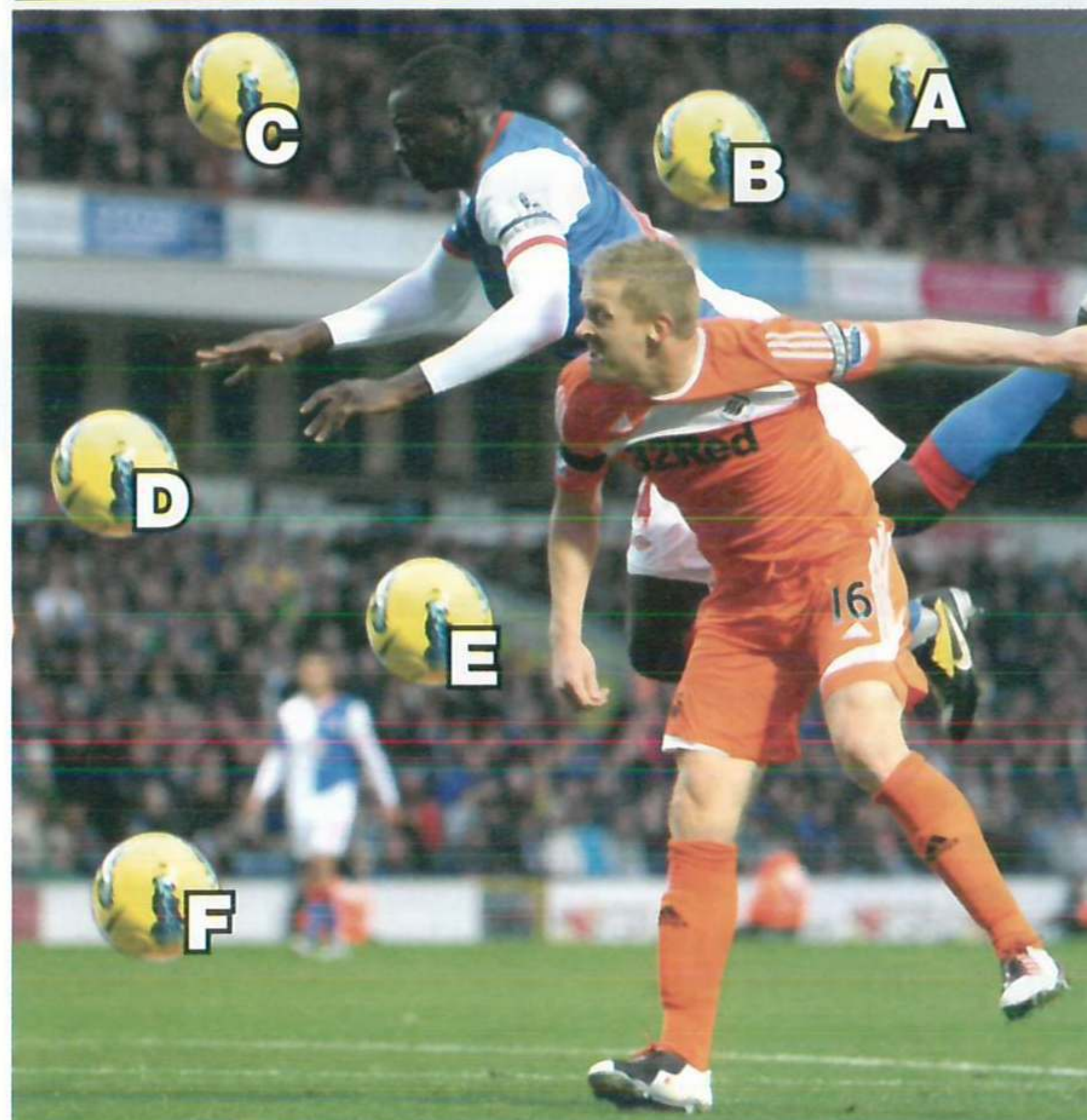
9) Which club did Scott Sellars join Rovers from and return to after six years at Ewood?

10) From which club did Kevin Davies join Rovers?



SPOT THE BALL...

Can you work out which is the real ball? (Answer on previous page)



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Leon Emmett

Age:

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Favourite Players:

Samba & Robinson



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Age:

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TIP TOP TABLE TENNIS TALENT

Rovers representatives at the Fred Perry Urban Cup finals did the club proud, displaying some top table-tennis talent. The best 100 youngsters from 22 Premier League clubs past and present were invited to London to do battle for the 2011 title.

Rovers boys, Gareth Brennan from St. Bede's High School and Charlie McGrath from St Christopher's High School, finished fourth after being narrowly beaten on points in the semi-final by eventual winners Arsenal.

The girls, Jodie Humphries from Hollins Technology College and Molly Blake from Haslingden High School, performed well in their first tournament together, coming 13th.

The Fred Perry Urban Cup – an initiative partnered by the

Premier League, Fred Perry and the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) – gives 120,000 young people aged 11-14 across urban areas of the country the chance to play table-tennis for the first time, as well as the opportunity to represent their local Premier League club.

The programme sees all 20 top-flight clubs linking to a local table-tennis community club, known as a 'hub club'. Each hub club is then linked to up to four 'satellite clubs', offering table-tennis to young people from their communities and giving them an opportunity to play high-quality sport.

GB ace and Fred Perry Urban Cup ambassador, Darius Knight, was on hand to support the finalists and inspire the next generation of table-tennis stars.

He said: "There was some great table-tennis talent on



Above Rovers table tennis aces.

show. I definitely spotted some stars of the future and it is through initiatives like this that we will see more and more youngsters taking up the sport."

The Rovers team is coached through Blackburn Rovers Community Trust's Premier League 4 Sport project, which aims to offer thousands of young people the chance to get involved in table-tennis, badminton, judo and volleyball ahead of the 2012 Olympics.



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COLLEGE VISITS ROVERS ACADEMY

Sports students from Nelson and Colne College, working with Blackburn Rovers Community Trust, visited the Academy at Brockhall for a behind-the-scenes look at the facilities and to interview Academy manager Phil Cannon.

The students, who are currently completing a unit of work on Sports Development, were interested to find out how the football club develops it's young players from talented teenagers to Premier League stars.

Returning to the Trust's Education Centre at Ewood Park, the students continued their investigation into the Academy system in greater depth, following which they had the opportunity to take a tour of the stadium.

Dan Halsall, a tutor at Nelson and Colne College, described the day as: "An excellent and worthwhile visit that gave the students great insight into life as an elite performer."



Year 7 pupils from Wennington Hall School, Lancaster, visited the Education Centre to take part in an interactive Geography Day.

During their visit, the 16 students looked at how the weather affects professional football in the UK, beginning their investigation with a question and answer session with Rovers' head groundsman Steve Patrick, followed by a stadium tour.

The pupils then prepared and created their own matchday weather report film using the Trust's green screen technologies.

Vicky Williams, class teacher, commented: "The experience the pupils have had has enhanced their Geography learning and has taken it to an enjoyable, real-life learning place."

Blackburn Rovers Community Trust welcomed Representatives from Gaia Technologies to demonstrate the latest innovations in interactive learning to IT students from Cardinal Newman College who are studying for the IT Practitioners BTEC Level 3.

The students were able to draw on the knowledge and expertise of the developers to discover how ideas are brought to reality in software design and game development.

The new technology consists of a 3D interactive heart rate monitor, which allows students to see a 3D representation of their heart and its current rate, as well as a motion capture device which allows exploration of their skeleton and muscle movements.

Course tutor, Jackie Worthington, said: "I have never been to such an interesting, relevant and well-organised visit in over 20 years of teaching. Thank you so much!"

This new technology, which has been developed uniquely

for the Trust, will be used in curriculum delivery beginning January 2012.

Pictured: Jon Rashid and Tomasz Murlikiewicz from Gaia Technologies demonstrating motion capture technology and its uses in our Science curriculum.



A new feature, based around the hit TV series 'The Apprentice' recalling the day when Rovers' stars heard the words....

YOU'RE HIRED!



With the football world watching tonight's match under the live TV cameras, one Sky Sports pundit will no doubt take great pride in the progress protégé Scott Dann has made in his career.

For it was former Arsenal ace Paul Merson who saw something in Scott at a young age and offered him his big break in football.

"When I left school at 16, I was meant to go for a couple of trials at different teams and Walsall asked could I go up there first," he said. "I had a trial game and they said to me 'if you don't go anywhere else, there's a contract on the table for you'.

"I think it was either a two or a three-year youth

scholarship, so I just grabbed it with both hands.

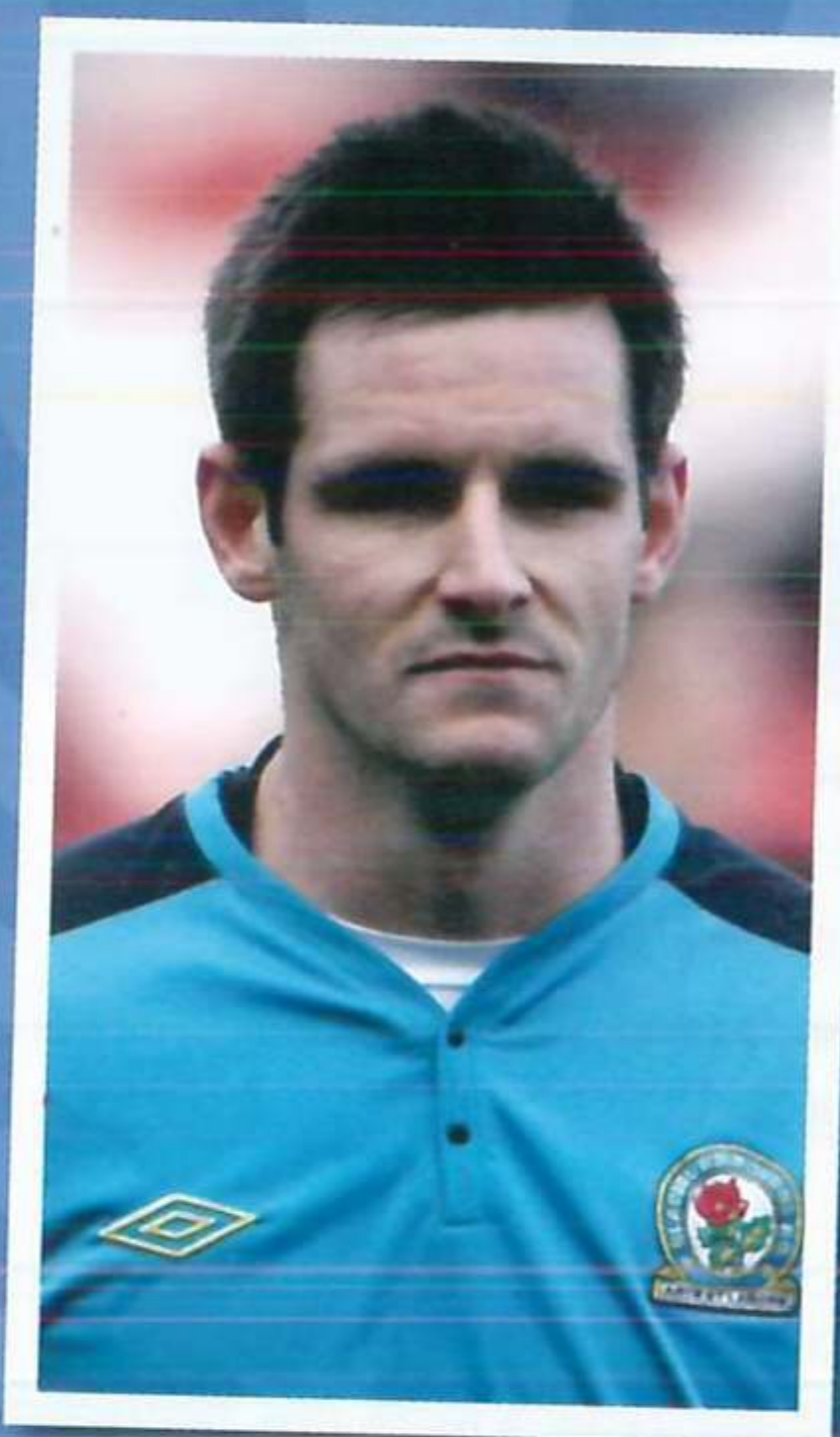
"The offer of a pro contract came about at the start of the second year of my YTS. I was 17 and I think Paul Merson had just taken over as manager. I'd started training with the first team in pre-season and I played a couple of matches and he knew a bit about me from when he was playing.

"He just pulled me to one side after training and told me I'd been doing well and he expected bigger things from me and he wanted me to step up and be with the first team. The contract was offered there and then.

"I told my dad and he drove up from Liverpool and we went in and signed, and that was that. It all happened very

Right During his early days with Walsall.

Below Scott here at Rovers.



quickly. Obviously, being a young lad, I was delighted to make that first step.

"More than anything, I think it shows that you're going in the right direction and you're doing something right. I think that's what every young lad wants to see.

"Once you've started doing well, you want to see it rewarded, so you can then try and better yourself again.

"The youth team manager there, Mick Halsall, was brilliant with me and he helped me a lot as a player and it obviously showed by me getting that contract.

"I think it was a two-year professional contract, but when you sign your first professional contract, they give you the contract and

say 'if you prove yourself and get yourself into the team, then we'll look at it again'. But I was just delighted that it came so early in my career and it gave me that vital stepping stone."

Scott made his debut in a 3-0 home win over Chesterfield in January 2005, but it would be his only appearance of the season.

The following season and with Walsall struggling in the league, Scott again found first team opportunities limited and he spent spells away from the club on loan.

Walsall were relegated at the end of the 2005-06 season and Merson was sacked.

The arrival of new manager Richard Money then really kick started Scott's career.

"Although I made my debut for the first team at 17, we were struggling down near the bottom of the table and it wasn't the right time to blood a youngster, so I never really got a chance to play much, which was fair enough because the manager wanted experienced players.

"Come the end of the season, I remember speaking to my dad and saying 'do you think I should move on somewhere else and try and get in the team', but he said 'just see how it goes, you don't know what's going to happen when the

new manager comes in'.

"The youth team manager said the same thing. He said 'listen, when the new manager comes in, just go away in the summer and get yourself as fit as you can and I guarantee you'll be playing

"So I took that advice on board, I came back really fit the following season, Richard (Money) came in and within two or three games of the season, I was starting in every game and I don't think I missed a game from then on that season.

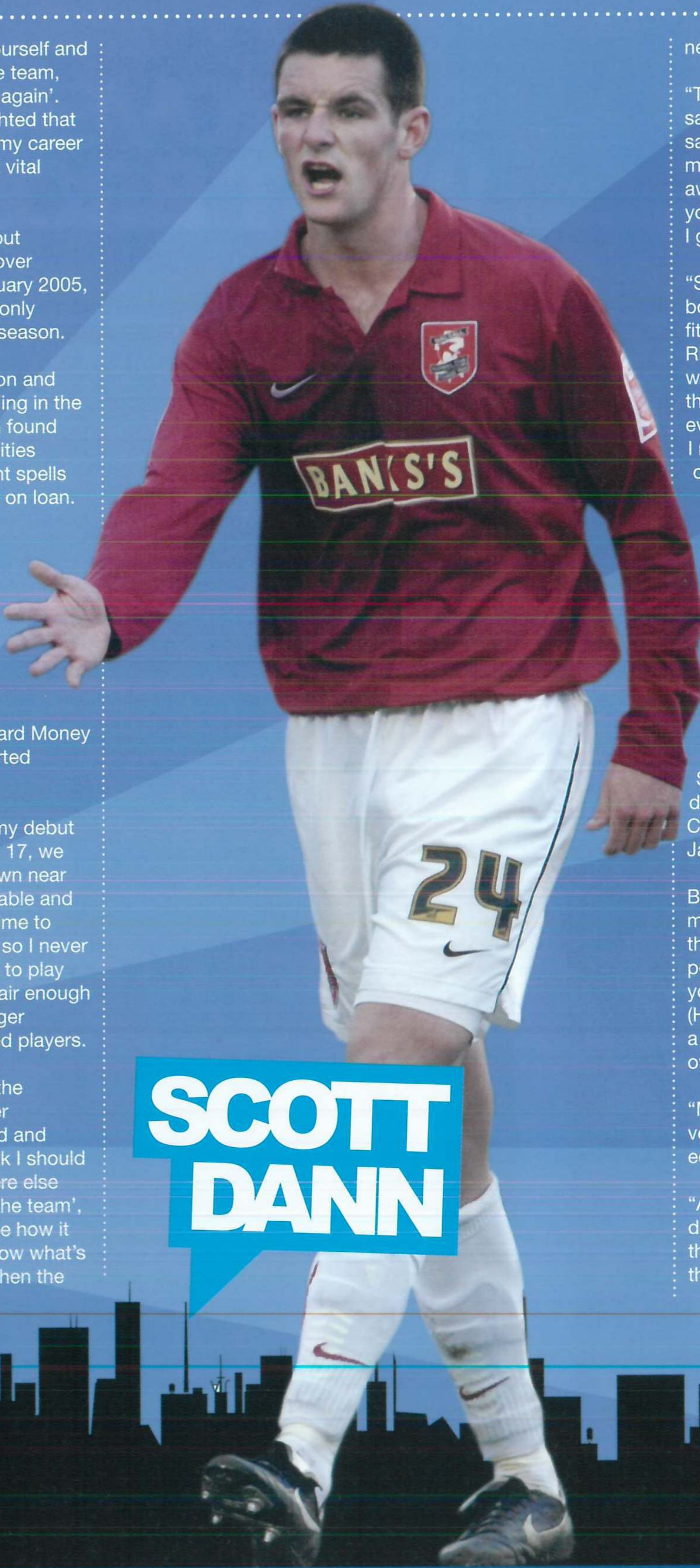
"Once I got into the team, I must have played about 10 games and the manager came to me and said 'look, you've been doing really well and we would like to start talking about a new contract' and I signed it not long after Christmas.

Scott's form in League One didn't go unnoticed and Coventry City came calling in January 2008.

But he has particularly fond memories from his time at the Bescot Stadium: "The people there, especially the youth team manager, Mick (Halsall), really helped me as a player and as a person. I owe a lot to him.

"My family also helped me very much too, which was equally key.

"All of that - and my own determination - really made things happen, but you need the chance in the first place



**SCOTT
DANN**

Saturday December 17th, 2011, Ewood Park

THE TEAMS

ROVERS:



Robinson
Lowe
Samba
Dann ⚽
Pedersen
Rochina (Goodwillie 79)
Nzonzi
Dunn (Hanley 62)
Vukcevic (Roberts 62)
Formica
Yakubu

Subs not used:

Bunn, Henley, Petrovic,
Blackman.

WEST BROM:



Foster
Reid
McAuley
Olsson
Shorey
Morrison ⚽ (Thomas 90)
Mulumbu
Scharner (Dorrans 81)
Brunt
Long
Odemwingie ⚽ (Dawson 90)

Subs not used:

Fulop, Tamas, Jones,
Cox.

Attendance: 22,909

Referee: Mark

Clattenburg



**MAN
OF THE
MATCH**

SCOTT DANN

ROVERS 1 WEST BROM 2



ON THE CLOCK

15mins...

Chris Brunt delivers a dangerous cross from the left and Peter Odemwingie flashes a free header just wide of the far post.

17mins...

Yakubu plays the ball out wide to Jason Lowe, who cuts inside and sees his attempted shot fall kindly for the Yak, who just can't connect on the slide.

37mins...

Paul Scharner is booked for a foul on Mauro Formica and Morten Gamst Pedersen's dipping free kick has to be tipped over the bar by Ben Foster.

50mins...

James Morrison cuts the ball back to Scharner, who drags his shot agonisingly wide of the far post.

52mins... GOAL!

Brunt's corner is cleared by Steven Nzonzi only as far as Morrison, who strikes an unstoppable first-time volley past Paul Robinson from outside the box.

72mins... GOAL!

A long Robinson free-kick is knocked down by Ch Samba to central defensive partner Scott Dann, who fires home at the far post.

89mins... GOAL!

Odemwingie cuts inside Pedersen and David Goodwillie from the right flank, before firing a sublime left-foot shot into the far corner of the net.



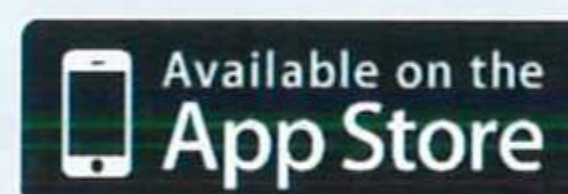


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FOSTER CARE SERVICE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF HELPING CHILDREN GET BACK ON TRACK.

Child Action North West's Foster Care service is celebrating its 10th birthday this year and appealing for more people to come forward and join the team.

The service team has developed high quality placements for looked-after children and young people since 2001 and continues to provide safe and stable homes to protect and nurture children and young people throughout the region.

Operational Director, Andy Bennett, says: "It's absolutely paramount to make sure that our children are in the best possible environment they can be in. These young people tackle a wide range of different problems every day and it is about guiding them through the tough times."

This is where the foster carer comes in.

"The role is not an easy one, but can be extremely rewarding. Finding exactly the right placement for a young person is the most important thing, but it is also important to accommodate the needs of the carers themselves, as they are the ones doing all the hard work.

"It is vitally important that our carers feel able to approach us with any problems they may be having. That's why CANW

have built a strong support network around carers to ensure that they get the help, advice and support they need, when they need it. Help is only ever a phone call away."

Blackburn couple, Diane Duxberry and her partner Trevor, have dedicated their time and commitment to Foster Care for an impressive 10 years this year and Diane says that the continued support and advice provided by Child Action has really helped her to keep doing what she is doing for so long: "It's wonderful to look back over 10 years. I've had a lot of support in what I'm doing, which is crucial because like any job, there are ups and downs, but if you keep an open mind and maintain belief in yourself, you reap the rewards."

Diane first began caring for children within her own family unit and this triggered a desire to continue making a difference within the wider community: "I saw the difference it could make to a child's life and this spurred me to carry on, so I got in contact with what was Blackburn Childcare Services at the time and everything built from there."

Diane and her partner have experienced the whole spectrum of crises whilst caring for children and young people, ranging from



drug and alcohol addiction, to teenage pregnancy and emergency care, but have often had young people come back to them after 5-6 years for continued support and catch-ups, which is an indication of the positive impact foster carers can have on children in need.

"It's great to see the kids grow and develop; to give them back some normality and when they come back after a few years it's encouraging because it feels like it's all worthwhile, like we've really made a difference," says Diane.

"Foster Caring is definitely the best thing I've ever done and I will continue for as long as I possibly can."

Andy Bennett added: "Diane is an excellent example of a foster carer who is committed to the young people that she cares for. It's not always been an easy ride but Diane and her family have shown great resilience and strength over the years. They work tirelessly to offer the young people in their care a positive experience of family life whilst raising their own family at the same time - Diane and Trevor are really super parents!"



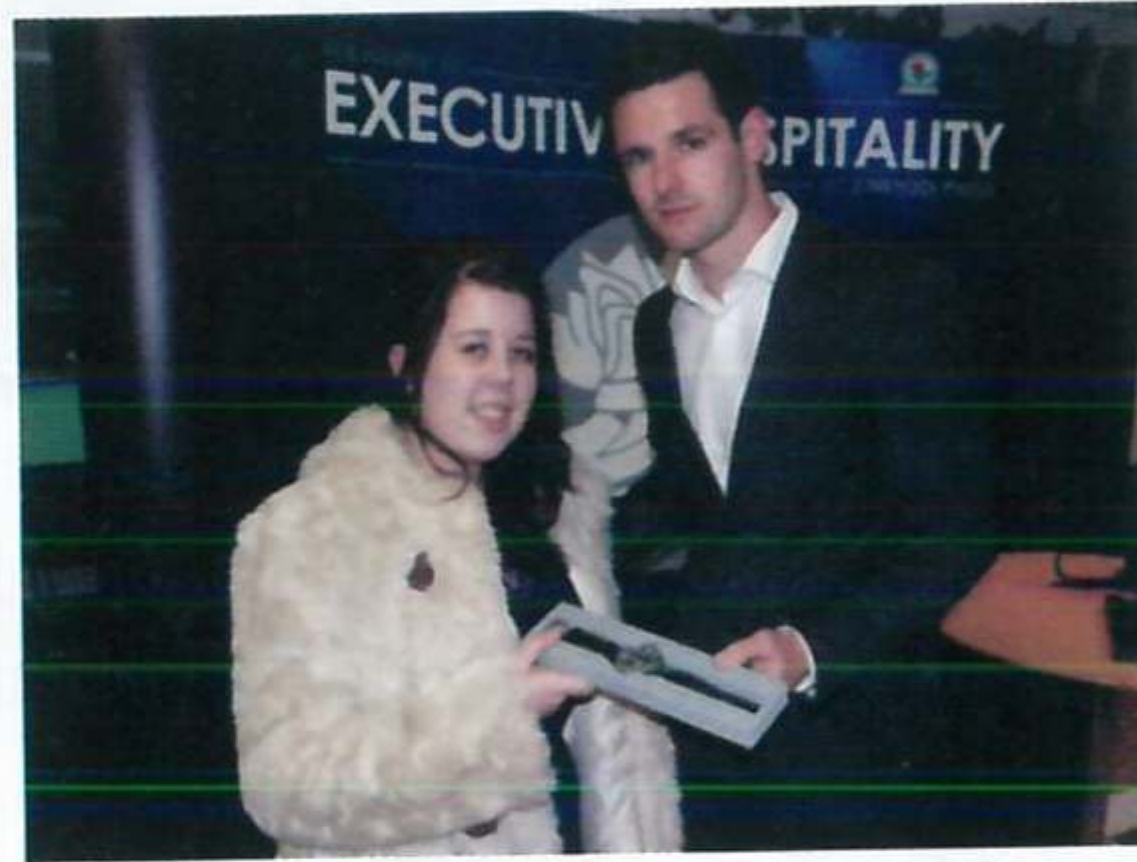
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For more information on CANW's foster care service contact the placement team on 0800 6345 300.

vs West Brom 17/12/11 GALLERY



Scott Dann receives his man of the match champagne, supplied by Thwaites, from Alan Kelly of Express Trade Frames.



Scott Dann receives his Peter Jackson the Jeweller man of the match award from Chelsea Crossey, who was celebrating her 18th birthday.



Winner of Time of the Goal, Lucas, a guest of CR Professionals, with Scott Dann.



Scott Dann presents Scott Law of Express Trade Frames with a company gift in recognition of their match sponsorship.



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Steven Nzonzi with Mike Barbaro, who was celebrating a special birthday with his family.



Matchday mascot Kieran meets Yakubu.



The official pre-match line-up.

Peter Jackson
THE JEWELLER

Man of the Match awards

MOM winners so
far this season...

- 3 - Gael Givet
- 2 - Steven Nzonzi
- 2 - Ruben Rochina
- 2 - Yakubu
- 1 - David Dunn
- 1 - Scott Dann



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FIXTURES

Tonight

Wolves v Norwich, 19:45
ROVERS v Bolton, 20:00

Tomorrow

Aston Villa v Arsenal, 19:45
Man City v Stoke, 19:45
Newcastle v West Brom, 19:45
Everton v Swansea, 20:00
Fulham v Man Utd, 20:00
QPR v Sunderland, 20:00
Wigan v Liverpool, 20:00

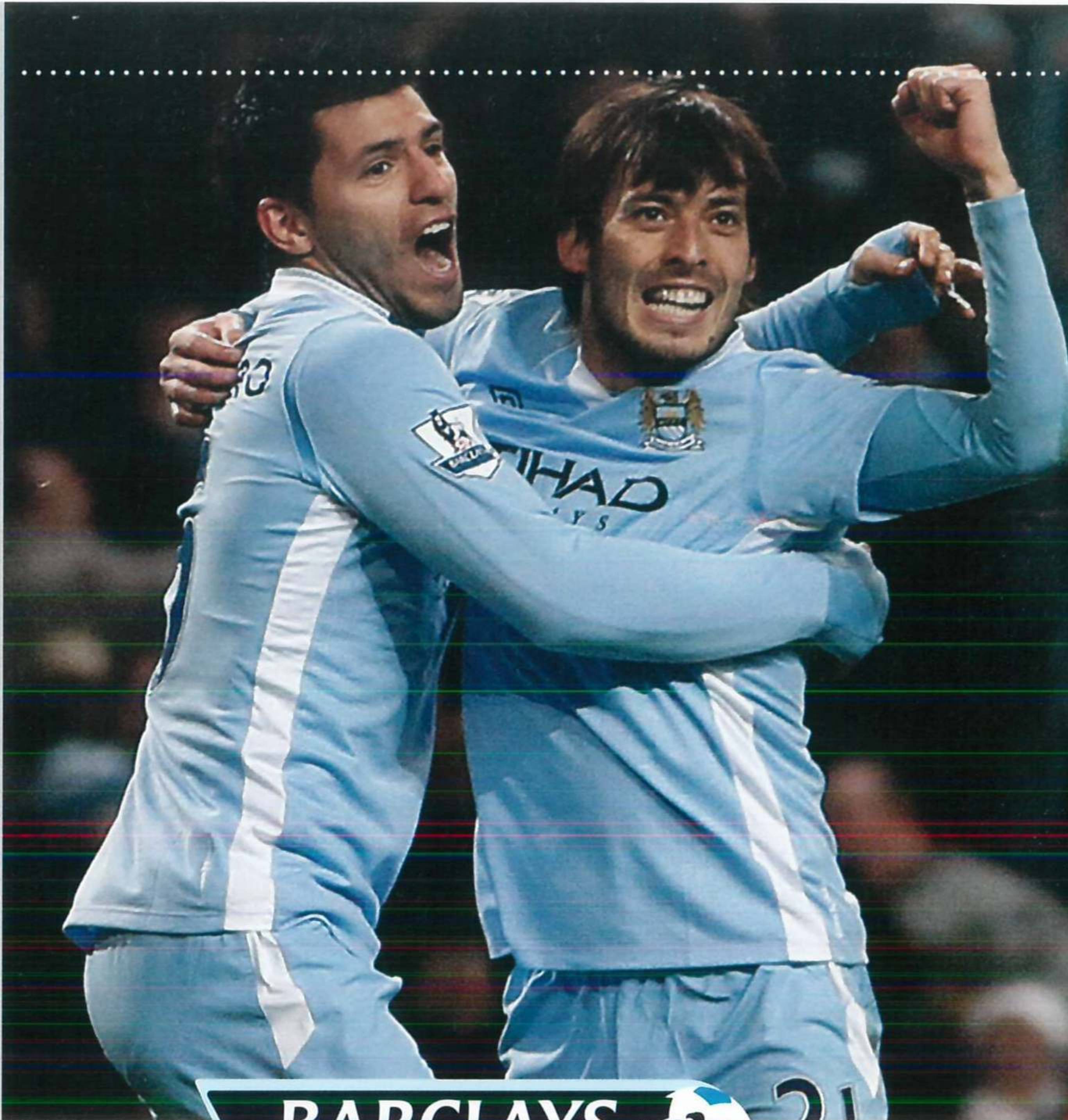
Thursday

Tottenham v Chelsea, 20:00

STATS

TOP SCORERS

Van Persie (Arsenal)	15
Rooney (Man Utd)	12
Aguero (Man City)	11
Ba (Newcastle)	11
Dzeko (Man City)	10
Yakubu (Rovers)	9
Adebayor (Spurs)	8
Balotelli (Man City)	8
Sturridge (Chelsea)	8
Holt (Norwich)	7



While the main focus of Barclays Premier League action tonight will centre on events here Ewood Park, another game with a bearing on the wrong end of the table takes place down the M6 at Molineux.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, one place above the cut-off line, entertain Norwich City, a team that has exceeded expectations to climb into a mid-table position. While Wolves were losing at home to Stoke City at the weekend, the chirpy Canaries were giving Everton a real run for their money at Goodison Park, only a late equaliser denying them a victory.

The other current bottom four team, Wigan Athletic, will be looking to maintain

their recent improved form when Liverpool visit. Wigan played well to earn a point against Chelsea on Saturday, but Liverpool, inspired by ex-Rovers' striker Craig Bellamy, need the points to sustain their Champions League challenge.

League leaders Manchester City have an awkward-looking home fixture against an in-form Stoke City team that made it four league wins in a row with that excellent result at Wolves. Can Tony Pulis' men cause commotion by springing a shock and so allow Manchester United back in the picture?

United will be keeping a close eye on Manchester even though their main focus will be down in London as they take on a Fulham side

lifted by a fine win over Bolton at Craven Cottage at the weekend.

Arsenal will try to recover from Sunday's defeat at Man City by inflicting another defeat on Aston Villa, while West Brom will bid to use Saturday's win here as a platform at Newcastle.

Stuttering Everton entertain Swansea City, while two clubs who could face a long second half to the campaign, QPR and Sunderland, meet at Loftus Road.

Maybe the biggest fixture of the week comes on Thursday night with Spurs hosting Chelsea in a potential sizzler and remember, somewhere this week the 20,000th Premier League goal of all-time will be scored!

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PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Manchester City	16	13	2	1	50	15	35	41
2	Manchester United	16	12	3	1	37	14	23	39
3	Tottenham Hotspur	15	11	1	3	31	18	13	34
4	Chelsea	16	10	2	4	34	19	15	32
5	Arsenal	16	9	2	5	31	24	7	29
6	Liverpool	16	8	5	3	20	13	7	29
7	Newcastle United	16	7	6	3	21	19	2	27
8	Stoke City	16	7	3	6	18	25	-7	24
9	Norwich City	16	5	5	6	25	29	-4	20
10	Aston Villa	16	4	7	5	18	21	-3	19
11	Fulham	16	4	6	6	18	18	0	18
12	Swansea City	16	4	6	6	16	20	-4	18
13	West Brom	16	5	3	8	16	24	-8	18
14	Everton	15	5	2	8	16	19	-3	17
15	QPR	16	4	4	8	15	28	-13	16
16	Sunderland	16	3	5	8	18	19	-1	14
17	Wolves	16	4	2	10	17	30	-13	14
18	Wigan Athletic	16	3	4	9	15	30	-15	13
19	ROVERS	16	2	4	10	23	36	-13	10
20	Bolton Wanderers	16	3	0	13	20	38	-18	9

APPEARANCES AND GOALS

Key: Starts (subs) goals Career record stats up to start of 2011-12



1. PAUL ROBINSON

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
16	-	-

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL	FA	LC	Euro
106 (-) -	4 (-) -	6 (-) -	-



2. MICHEL SALGADO

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
9	-	-

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL	FA	LC	Euro
52 (5) -	3 (-) -	4 (-) 1	-

3. MARTIN OLSSON

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
8 (3)	-	3

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL	FA	LC	Euro
50 (11) 3	5 (-) -	9 (2) 2	- (1) -



4. CHRIS SAMBA

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
12 (-) 2	-	1

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL	FA	LC	Euro
144 (1) 14	9 (1) 1	8 (1) -	4 (-) -



5. GAEL GIVET

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
13	-	4 (-) 1

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL	FA	LC	Euro
76 (1) 3	4 (2) -	5 (-) 1	-



6. RYAN NELSEN

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
1	-	-

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL	FA	LC	Euro
168 (3) 8	12 (2) -	14 (1) -	7 (-) -

7. BRETT EMERTON

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
1	-	1

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL	FA	LC	Euro
204 (41) 13	10 (4) -	15 (5) 5	11 (1) 1



8. DAVID DUNN

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
8 (2)	-	1 (1)

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL/FL*	FA	LC	Euro
196 (47) 43	16 (3) 3	20 (4) 6	8 (2) -



*Premier League/Football League



10. MAURO FORMICA

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
11 (4) 2	-	2 (2)

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL	FA	LC	Euro
-	-	-	-



11. VINCE GRELLA

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
- (1)	-	1

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL	FA	LC	Euro
29 (8) -	2 (1) -	1 (2) -	-

12. MORTEN GAMST PEDERSEN

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
12 (-) 1	-	3 (-) 1

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL	FA	LC	Euro
207 (20) 31	16 (3) 5	16 (4) 5	11 (2) 2



13. MARK BUNN

2011-12 APPEARANCES		
PL	FA	LC
-	-	4

ROVERS CAREER RECORD			
PL	FA	LC	Euro
2 (1) -	2 (-) -	2 (-) -	-





14. RADOSAV PETROVIC

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
2 (6)	-	4

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
-	-	-	-



15. STEVEN NZONZI

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
14	-	1

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
46 (8) 3	1 (-) -	6 (1) -	-

16. SCOTT DANN

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
10 (-) 1	-	1

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
1 (3) -	-	-	-



19. JORDAN SLEW

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
-	-	-

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
-	-	-	-



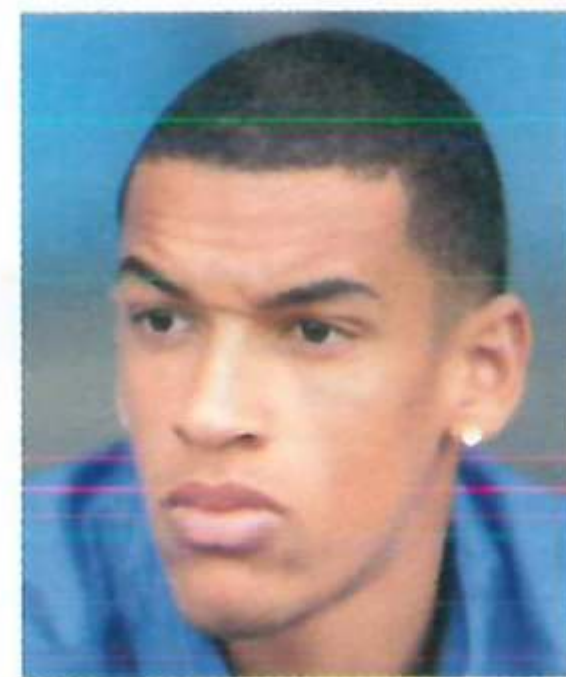
20. RUBEN ROCHINA

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
8 (3) 2	-	3 (1) 4

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
1 (3) -	-	-	-



22. NICK BLACKMAN

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
- (1)	-	2

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
-	-	-	-

23. JUNIOR HOILETT

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
14 (-) 3	-	1 (2)

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
25 (22) 5	2 (-) 1	5 (1) 1	-



24. YAKUBU

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
10 (2) 9	-	1 (2) 1

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
-	-	-	-



25. DAVID GOODWILLIE

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
3 (6)	-	3 (-) 1

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
-	-	-	-



29. SIMON VUKCEVIC

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
3 (2) 1	-	1 (1) 1

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
-	-	-	-

30. JASON ROBERTS

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
5 (5)	-	1 (1) 1

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
68 (56) 24	5 (4) 1	2 (2) -	5 (2) 2



31. GRANT HANLEY

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
4 (3)	-	3 (1)

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
6 (2) -	2 (-) -	-	-



35. JASON LOWE

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
11 (1)	-	2 (1)

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
- (1) -	1 (-) -	-	-



39. ADAM HENLEY

2011-12 APPEARANCES

PL	FA	LC
- (2)	-	-

ROVERS CAREER RECORD

PL	FA	LC	Euro
-	-	-	-

THE RECORD 2011-12



AUGUST	Opposition	Comp	Result	Att	Pts	Pos						
Sat 13	Wolverhampton (H)	PL	L 1-2	21,996	-	19	Robinson	Salgado	Hanley	Nzonzi	Olsson	Emerton 46
Sat 20	Aston Villa (A)	PL	L 1-3	32,319	-	20	Robinson	Salgado	Hanley	Nelsen	Olsson	Pedersen 75
Wed 24	Sheffield Wednesday (H)	CC 2	W 3-1	8,607	-	-	Bunn	Emerton	Hanley 46	Givet	Olsson	Pedersen
Sat 27	Everton (H)	PL	L 0-1	22,826	-	20	Robinson	Salgado	Samba	Givet	Olsson	Emerton
SEPTEMBER												
Sun 11	Fulham (A) Sky	PL	D 1-1	24,856	1	20	Robinson	Salgado	Samba 46	Dann	Givet	Rochina 70
Sat 17	Arsenal (H) Sky	PL	W 4-3	22,637	4	11	Robinson	Salgado 19	Samba	Dann	Givet	Rochina 56
Tues 20	Leyton Orient (H)	CC 3	W 3-2	7,104	-	-	Bunn	Lowe	Hanley	Givet	Olsson	Vukcevic 85
Sat 24	Newcastle United (A)	PL	L 1-3	46,236	4	18	Robinson	Salgado	Samba	Dann 63	Givet	Hoilett
OCTOBER												
Sat 1	Manchester City (H)	PL	L 0-4	24,760	4	19	Robinson	Lowe	Samba	Dann	Givet	Goodwillie 61
Sat 15	Queens Park Rangers (A)	PL	D 1-1	16,487	5	20	Robinson	Salgado	Samba	Dann	Givet	Hoilett
Sun 23	Tottenham Hotspur (H)	PL	L 1-2	22,786	5	20	Robinson	Lowe	Samba	Givet	Olsson	Vukcevic 70
Wed 26	Newcastle United (H)	CC 4	W 4-3*	10,682	-	-	Bunn	Lowe	Samba	Givet	Olsson	Rochina 78
Sat 29	Norwich City (A)	PL	D 3-3	26,440	6	18	Robinson	Lowe	Samba	Givet	Olsson	Rochina 69
NOVEMBER												
Sat 5	Chelsea (H)	PL	L 0-1	21,985	6	19	Robinson	Lowe	Samba 45	Givet	Olsson	Rochina 72
Sat 19	Wigan Athletic (A)	PL	D 3-3	17,392	7	19	Robinson	Salgado 46	Hanley	Dann	Givet 90	Rochina 83
Sat 26	Stoke City (A) Sky	PL	L 1-3	26,686	7	19	Robinson	Lowe	Hanley	Dann	Givet	Rochina
Tues 29	Cardiff City (A)	CC QF	L 0-2	19,436	-	-	Bunn	Lowe	Hanley	Dann	Givet	Blackman 80
DECEMBER												
Sat 3	Swansea City (H)	PL	W 4-2	23,080	10	18	Robinson	Lowe	Samba	Dann	Givet	Rochina 40
Sun 11	Sunderland (A) Sky	PL	L 1-2	39,863	10	19	Robinson	Lowe	Samba	Dann	Givet 22	Salgado 51
Sat 17	West Bromwich Albion (H)	PL	L 1-2	22,909	10	19	Robinson	Lowe	Samba	Dann	Pedersen	Rochina 79
Tues 20	Bolton Wanderers (H) Sky	PL	20:00									
Mon 26	Liverpool (A)	PL	15:00									
Sat 31	Manchester United (A) ESPN	PL	12:45									
JANUARY												
Mon 2	Stoke City (H)	PL	15:00									
Sat 7	Newcastle (A)	FA 3	15:00									
Sat 14	Fulham (H)	PL	15:00									
Sat 21	Everton (A)	PL	15:00									
FEBRUARY												
Wed 1	Newcastle United (H)	PL	20:00									
Sat 4	Arsenal (A)	PL	15:00									
Sat 11	Queens Park Rangers (H)	PL	15:00									
Sat 25	Manchester City (A)	PL	15:00									
MARCH												
Sat 3	Aston Villa (H)	PL	15:00									
Sat 10	Wolverhampton Wanderers (A)	PL	15:00									
Sat 17	Sunderland (H)	PL	15:00									
Sat 24	Bolton Wanderers (A)	PL	15:00									
Sat 31	Manchester United (H)	PL	15:00									
APRIL												
Sat 7	West Bromwich Albion (A)	PL	15:00									
Mon 9	Liverpool (H)	PL	15:00									
Sat 14	Swansea City (A)	PL	15:00									
Sat 21	Norwich City (H)	PL	15:00									
Sat 28	Tottenham Hotspur (A)	PL	15:00									
MAY												
Sat 5	Wigan Athletic (H)	PL	15:00									
Sun 13	Chelsea (A)	PL	15:00									

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Nzonzi 71	Petrovic	Rochina 81	Formica	Goodwillie	Robinson	Salgado	Ribeiro	Lowe 46	Dunn 71	Hoilett 81	Roberts
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NEXT UP



Two Christmas crackers lie in store after tonight's Lancashire derby against Bolton Wanderers.

Rovers will remain in the North West over the festive period, with trips to Liverpool and Manchester United up next.

Liverpool on Boxing Day brings back happy memories of a 1-0 victory over the men from Merseyside when Benni McCarthy finished off a well-worked move to secure the points in a meeting between the two teams in December

2006.

Rovers have enjoyed more recent success over Kenny Dalglish's side also, triumphing 3-1 at Ewood in January thanks to goals from Martin Olsson and a brilliant brace from Benjani.

Liverpool have looked in fine form of late, moving level on points with Arsenal at the weekend courtesy of a 2-0 win away to Aston Villa.

Rovers' last visit to Anfield ended in a 2-1 defeat and we haven't won there since

Above Rovers take on Liverpool next time out.

September 1993!

Steve Kean's side then turn their attentions to another side challenging at the top end of the table. United briefly held top spot on Sunday following a 2-0 win away to QPR and they would love to head into 2012 above their city rivals.

Rovers will need to give a better account of themselves from their last visit to Old Trafford, when a five-star performance from Dimitar Berbatov resulted in a 7-1 rout.

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